

Rivals can make a mint as £41m Polo digs itself into hole

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE makers of Polo mints failed to protect their £41 million market yesterday after trying to stop a rival from using a similar advertising slogan.

Nestlé UK, makers of Polo, "the Mint with a Hole", wanted a legal ruling that the British launch of an older American version, called Lifesavers, could not use the words "the Original Mint with the Hole". However, the Court of Appeal ruled that Polo mints had no monopoly of the Henry Moore school of confectionery.

The argument fell into a very deep hole in court. Lord Justice Aldous, in his judgment with Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Saville, found that there was nothing in the evidence to suggest that



Polo: too famous for confusion, judge says

the public would confuse Lifesavers with a Nestlé sweet. Refusing leave to appeal against a High Court decision earlier this week, he said: "They will realise they are a rival product. There had been ample evidence of the reputation of Polo mints, marketed in Britain since 1948.

Nestlé had sought injunctions to stop Lifesavers being sold as "The Original Mint with the Hole" because it claimed it was being "passed off" as one of its products. Lord Justice Aldous said no

deception was likely and the use of the similar slogan would not amount to misrepresentation. The judge accepted that Polo sales in 1994 totalled £41 million, and that the trade mark was very well known and "closely associated" by the public with round mints with a hole in the middle.

Lifesavers, he said, were similar to Polos and sold in similar sized tubes, and had been marketed in the US since 1912. "The design was based on a miniature lifebelt, hence the name Lifesavers," he noted with legalistic caution.

But he said that no deception was likely if Lifesavers were launched here as "the Original Mint with a Hole", and added that the use of the similar slogan would not amount to misrepresentation.

"I don't believe on the evidence that there is a serious issue to be tried," he concluded, which left a hole of such alarming proportions in the proceedings that they were promptly discontinued.



Sophie Rhys Jones has worked for Baby Lifeline since last year and appeared at its fundraising ball

Medical charity to be questioned on finances

By LIN JENKINS

A CHARITY for sick babies that employs Prince Edward's girlfriend as a consultant has been called upon to explain why only 16 per cent of money raised has gone to hospitals. Charity commissioners asked yesterday to meet trustees of Baby Lifeline after it was disclosed that only £105,085 out of £634,275 raised in three years had been spent on lifesaving equipment.

Sophie Rhys Jones started working for the charity in 1995 when employed by the public relations agency MCM, and began independent consultancy work for it this year when she left the agency. She and Prince Edward attended a fundraising ball.

In 1992 just £8,375 of an income of £32,680 went on equipment donations and in 1994 the figure was £39,024 out of £241,864, of which £180,034 was spent on events and £66,841 on overheads.

Charities Aid Foundation, which collates statistics from the 180,000 registered charities, which are thought to have a combined income between £10 billion and £16 billion a year, said the 500 charities with the highest incomes spent

an average of 14 per cent on administration. The Charity Commission, which protects the interests of those donating funds, said of Baby Lifeline: "Most members of the public would agree that these costs are high. We will be having a meeting with them on the question of fundraising costs and other financial matters."

Baby Lifeline said yesterday that during late 1994 and early 1995 new directors joined with a brief to reverse the financial performance. A three-year plan began last year which saw £28,338 given in equipment donations out of an income of £208,095. It claims that in the first seven months

of this year, £64,502 out of £211,677 had been given.

Brian Message, the chairman, said: "The board welcomes any investigation of the charity's financial affairs by the Charity Commission. The charity submitted unqualified audited accounts for the relevant periods and there is no question of any wrongdoing." He said he hoped that any adverse publicity would not deter potential corporate sponsors for next year's fundraising campaign for Mother and Baby Week.

The Charity Commission said that Baby Lifeline appeared to be willing to accept its advice.

TOP 13 CHARITIES

Charity	total income £000s	fundraising £000s	admin (%)
1 National Trust	144,408	20,021	14
2 RNLI	84,886	9,808	14
3 Cancer Research Campaign	59,142	3,778	10
4 Oxfam	55,736	7,531	8
5 Imperial Cancer Research Fund	53,640	4,881	9
6 Save the Children Fund	51,983	10,879	12
7 Salvation Army	72,321	1,954	3
8 British Red Cross Soc	64,738	15,711	16
9 NSPCC	43,111	7,433	18
10 Help the Aged	38,707	3,157	20
11 Barnardo's	84,587	10,258	11
12 Cancer Relief Macmillan Fnd	37,842	6,585	18
13 NSPCC	37,604	9,873	26

Percentages have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole figure
* Source: Charities Aid Foundation

Secretary claims she was treated as coffee slave

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE chief executive of a publishing house treated his personal assistant as a slave and drew up a rota of seven female staff to keep him supplied with coffee while he worked, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Kee Sum Hooi, chief executive of Marshall Cavendish, bullied Joan Parker, his secretary, for two years because she once failed to make him a cup of coffee, it was claimed. He blocked any chance of promotion and treated her in a sexist fashion, the tribunal was told.

Mrs Parker, 38, said her employer nursed a grudge about an occasion in 1992 when she was busy and asked another member of staff to make coffee. She claimed that after the incident, Mr Hooi, 53, "niggled and griped" every time she made a drink.

"Mr Hooi was not happy with my tea or coffee and barked nastily at me every time, pointing out what was wrong with each drink," she said. "He seemed intent on breaking me and there was nothing I could do."

The hearing was also told how the executive treated a "other secretary as "no more than a tea-lady and cleaner". It was claimed that he put used tissues in Susan

Bourne's out-tray, expecting her to dispose of them. On another occasion, when Mr Hooi's personal assistant was absent, he arranged for a rota of seven women to take over coffee-making duties, the tribunal heard.

Mrs Bourne told the hearing: "Mr Hooi's main priority was for me to serve tea or coffee during the day. He told me on more than one occasion to make the drinks again if he did not like the colour or if it was too strong or too weak."

Mrs Parker, from Woking, Surrey, is claiming sex discrimination and unfair dismissal at the tribunal in Woburn Place, central London. "Mr Hooi blocked my progress within the company, humiliated me and made my situation intolerable because he was not satisfied that I gave him a degree of feminine servility he demanded," she said. "I am absolutely certain that he did not expect this sort of servility from male employees."

Marshall Cavendish claims that Mrs Parker was not entitled to automatic promotion and accused her of adopting an unsatisfactory work-to-rule policy after failing to achieve promotion three times. The hearing continues.



Kee Sum Hooi is accused of humiliating Joan Parker and of treating her in a sexist fashion

Yacht boy saved as father drowns

By RICHARD DUCE

A TERRIFIED boy was stranded alone on board a yacht in heavy seas off the Cornish coast yesterday after his father was washed overboard. The 13-year-old was rescued by helicopter after calling for help on the radio.

Coastguards who answered the mayday call from the *Timonair* kept the boy talking for half an hour to establish the vessel's position. His father's body was later recovered from the water.

Gerry Wood, of Falmouth coastguards, said he believed the boy was an Israeli named Ofia, whose father was a British citizen. Mr Wood said: "We were talking on and off for about 30 minutes. It was a broken conversation. My main aim was to calm him down and talk him through so I could get vital information."

"He said they had set off from Falmouth and were heading for Plymouth when his father changed his mind

halfway. He said he had been asleep on the yacht. They were around half a mile from Looe island and the weather was particularly rough. There were force six winds."

The coastguards used radio location equipment as the boy helped to plot the yacht's position off Looe, south Cornwall. Mr Wood said: "Initially the boy said his father was wearing a life jacket, but a Fowey lifeboat crewman chatted to the boy when he got on board the yacht and found out that wasn't the case."

"He was quite calm by the end. I kept telling him people were coming and he knew I was telling the truth when he saw the helicopter arrive."

The dead man, believed to be in his forties, is thought to have fallen overboard about 1pm yesterday and was recovered floating face down in the water three hours later, about a mile and a half from the yacht.

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6 A-LEVEL TABLES

St Paul's boys are back on top of the A-level league

ONE of the traditional academic powerhouses of independent education returns to the top of The Times's A-level league table today. St Paul's School in west London pips neighbouring Westminster School to the post.

More schools, both state and independent, have been included in The Times rankings of examination performance. This partly reflects pupils' higher achievement, John O'Leary writes

St Paul's, where fees are £8,082 a year, is the most consistent of the group of leading schools that dominate the table. Only last year's top school, Winchester College, can match the A-level performance of St Paul's during the past five years. Paul Woodruff, director of studies at St Paul's, said: "It's always nice to be top, but we like to play this down. Being top is not something we consciously aim at."

Mr Woodruff acknowledged that the school's performance owed much to the highly selective intake. "The results obviously reflect the quality of the intake, but we do not rest on our laurels." The school was founded in 1509 by Dean Colet, a friend of Erasmus and Thomas More, moving to its present site less than 30 years ago. Among the most distinguished old boys are Kenneth Baker, the Conservative MP, Sir Isaiah Berlin, the philosopher, and Clement Freud, the Times columnist. Improved performance at A level

2, while at AS level an A is 5 points. B4, C3, D2 and E1. The subject of general studies is excluded. Independent schools' results were supplied by the Independent Schools Information Service. State schools' grades were collected in a survey by The Times, although some chose not to submit results. Most Scottish schools are not included because of their separate examination system. The ranking is not intended to identify the best schools, but simply those with the top examination results. Tables such as this take no account of the quality of intake or extra-curricular activities.

On Saturday, August 31, The Times will publish a parallel table of GCSE results. Compiled by Christina Asare-Owusu, Chris Broadhurst, Jennifer Andrea, Paul Croughan and Claudia Parsons



Pupils at St Paul's in west London, which has produced consistently good A-level results

GUIDE TO THE HIGHEST-RANKING STATE AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

A large table with multiple columns listing schools, their A-level scores, and the number of pupils. The table is organized into sections for State Schools in bold type and State Schools in bold type. It lists various schools across the UK, such as Llanidloes High School, Wycombe Abbey School, and St Paul's School, along with their respective A-level scores and pupil counts.

Advertisement for GCS (Great City School) featuring the headline "I was qu... up s... acad...". It includes a testimonial from a parent and a photograph of a young boy. The text describes the school's academic excellence and its focus on individualized learning.

Of the 111 red kite pairs in Wales, 70 bred successfully and reared 90 young - a British record for the Red-breasted Nuthatch. The report is published in the journal British Birds, which includes the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

I was quite optimistic, admits the teachers' son who achieved 11 starred-A passes

GCSE star keeps up standards in academic family

By JOHN O'LEARY AND DAVID CHARTER

A MANCHESTER family yesterday staked its claim as the brightest in Britain when 16-year-old Ronan Astin earned 11 starred-A passes at GCSE to add to his brother Ciaran's five A grades at A level last week. His younger brother Jarlath, who topped his year at St Ambrose College, a Roman Catholic grammar school in Altrincham, will take GCSE next year.

Ronan knew he was heading for good results in some subjects because his course work had attracted top grades. "I was quite optimistic, and A stars were what I was aiming for," he said. "But in the back of your mind you always wonder if something will go wrong somewhere."

His subjects were English literature and language, mathematics, religious education, physics, chemistry, biology, history, geography, French and German. He is hoping to follow his brother and take science subjects and history at A level. Ciaran starts an engineering degree at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, in October. Ronan said: "I haven't really thought that far yet, but it would be wonderful to go to Cambridge."

The family is steeped in education: the boys' father is deputy head of a comprehensive school in Manchester and their mother a primary school teacher. Their sister Sinead is at Lancaster University.

Eleven-year-old Hafren Williams yesterday laid claim to being the youngest pupil awarded a starred-A at GCSE, the grade introduced two

years ago for exceptional performance considered a whole grade better than an A. Hafren lived in France before moving to Sheffield, where she studied alongside 16-year-olds for her French GCSE at High Storrs School.

Cheryl Berry, her head teacher, said: "We may start her off next year on A-level French and see about developing some of her other languages. It is our policy as a comprehensive to develop all the talents of individuals."

Joseph Catling, 12, also recorded a starred-A GCSE, in mathematics, at Christleton County High School in Chester. He plans to start A-level mathematics in September.

Keval Godka brought his tally of starred-A grade GCSEs to 12 by gaining ten yesterday to add to French from last summer and Gujarati the year before.

Keval, who studied at Whitgift School in Croydon, south London, said the secret lay in thorough revision. "I don't tend to draw up a plan for revision. I go to one subject and try and revise it all and if I get bored I go on to another one," he said.

Katie Mellor volunteered for an extra GCSE in religious studies which helped to boost her total to 11 starred-A grades at Redborne Upper School, a comprehensive in Amptill, Bedfordshire. The 11 starred-A feat was repeated by Robert Harland at Tonbridge School in Kent. John Fallas at The Hulme Grammar School in Oldham, Greater Manchester, scored 11 grade As, ten of which were starred.

Helen Grote, a deaf pupil at Colchester County High, Essex, gained seven starred-As and two As, while Josie Wheeler, a blind pupil at the same school, earned seven A to C passes by dictating her answers. The 191 candidates at

the Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, recorded its highest A to C grade pass rate, averaging ten per pupil.

Northwood Computer Tutorial College, a private college in northwest London, entered 40 pupils aged 9 to 15 for GCSEs in computing. Nine-year-old Chantelle Naraine and ten-year-old Radhika Radia both got B grades and ten-year-old Samira Sohail gained a C.

Sixty-eight-year-old Alan Morton, who studied GCSE mathematics so that he could help his six grandchildren with their homework, was yesterday waiting for his result in the post. He received no help with his own homework during his year-long evening course at the Oxford College of Further Education.

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The A team: Ronan Astin, left, collected 11 starred-A GCSEs, while his brother Ciaran got five A-grade A levels

PC hurt as robbers open fire in street

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

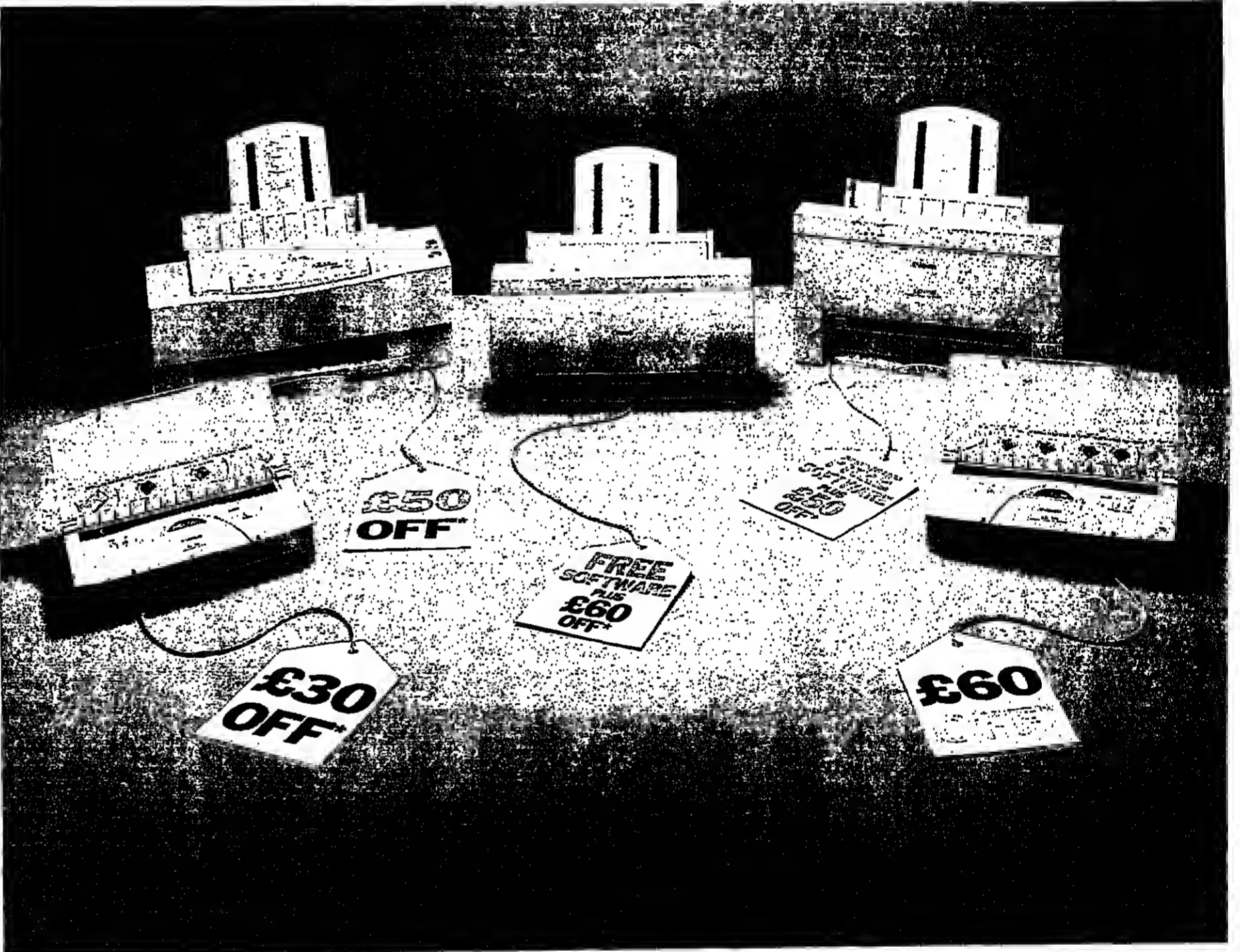
A POLICEMAN was wounded yesterday when a robber opened fire with a semi-automatic weapon. The uniformed officer had been on routine patrol when he saw three men running to a vehicle after holding up a security van.

As he gave chase in Clapham, southwest London, one of the men fired five shots, wounding him in the leg. The injured officer fell but managed to radio for help.

He was taken to St Thomas's Hospital, where his condition was stable last night. The bullet passed through his left calf. The officer was based at the same station as PC Patrick Dunne, who was shot dead in October 1993.

Three robbers wearing crash helmets had held up the Security Express van yesterday outside a Narwest Bank branch. They held a pistol to the head of a guard to force one of his colleagues to throw a bag of money from the van. The getaway car was found in Sutton, south London.

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Birds of prey are flocking back in record numbers

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

SOME of Britain's rarest birds of prey, many once close to extinction, are flourishing as they have not done for more than two decades, according to a new report. Honey buzzards, marsh harriers, Montagu's harriers, red kites and ospreys are more numerous than at any time in the 22 years since ornithologists began collecting detailed records.

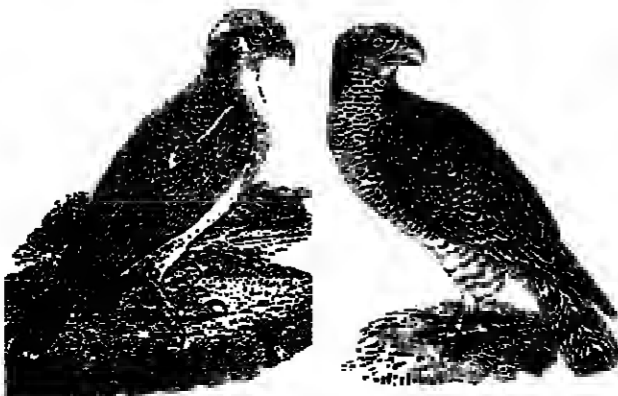
The hoopy buzzard, a summer visitor to Britain that feeds on bees and wasps, numbered up to 28 breeding pairs in England and Scotland in 1994, compared with two pairs ten years earlier. There were 111 pairs of breeding red kites in Wales, up from 33 in 1984, and 28 pairs in England and Scotland, where they were reintroduced in 1989 after becoming extinct.

Of the 111 red kite pairs in Wales, 70 bred successfully and reared 90 young - both record totals, the Rare Breeding Birds Panel says in its annual report published in the journal *British Birds*. The panel, which includes members of the British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Society for the Protection

of Birds, collates and analyses data gathered from all over Britain. Marsh harriers, too, enjoyed a revival of fortunes, raising 255 young, mainly in the reed beds of East Anglia, compared with 66 in 1984. The rare Montagu's harrier bred 13 young from a record 15 sites in England. Ten years ago it was known at only two localities.

In Scotland, ospreys had a record year, 146 young being reared by 83 pairs that laid eggs. Among other birds highlighted in the report are avocets, which live in brackish coastal lagoons, and Dartford warblers, mainly found in the heath country of the New Forest, in Hampshire, and Dorset. The population of Dartford warblers was put at 1,675 pairs, the highest recorded.

Humphrey Crick, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "Legislation to protect birds of prey has played a big part in their recovery. But species such as the honey buzzard and the Montagu's harrier like a warm climate and may have benefited from the milder winters and hot summers of recent years."



The osprey, left, and honey buzzard are in greater numbers than two decades ago, a new report says

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Last resting place of monarchy with no future Graves shed light on ancient British rulers

By NIGEL HAWKS
SCIENCE EDITOR

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered the last resting place of the ancient British ruling class, forced into submission by the Roman invasion. The graves, near Colchester, contain the bones of close relatives and aides of Cunobelin — Shakespeare's Cymbeline — who was the most important British king at the time of the Roman invasion in AD 43.



Glassware from one of the graves. After cremation, the royals were buried with utensils and games

Together with the bones in one grave were a Spanish amphora, probably buried full of wine, a bronze strainer, a large Samian bowl with moulded decoration, a brooch and a bronze susepan. To keep the graves occupant amused in the afterlife it also contained the remains of a gaming board, with at least one of the blue and white counters that would have been used to play a long-lost game. The remaining counters are expected to be found as the excavation continues.

In a nearby grave a beautiful glass jar, blue and shot through with streaks of different colours, has been found close to another group of bones. Just a few inches tall, it was probably used for ornament or oil. In the same grave was found a blue glass bead the size of a cherry and

decorated with swirls of brown.

The finds, made by a team from the Colchester Archaeological Trust led by Philip Crummy, are the most important made at the site, long known to have been the site of a British lunary enclosure. They shed new light on the burial customs of the British aristocracy, which was conquered by a Roman force led by Claudius.

Cunobelin was the king of the Catuvellauni, a tribe that dominated the area and was the most important in southern England. The Romans described him as King of Britain.

As soon as they landed on the coast of Kent and defeated

a British force at Richborough, they made for the Colchester area, then a big population centre. They marched to London along the North Downs, and then on to Colchester, easily subduing British resistance.

The tradition among the British was for important people to be cremated on a funeral pyre. Their bones were then given a ritual funeral together with their possessions. Unfortunately for the archaeologists, the custom was to smash the pots and glassware before they were arranged in the grave.

In a few graves — probably those of more junior people or more distant relatives of Cunobelin, Mr Crummy be-

lieves — the artefacts were not smashed. In one, a complete dinner service consisting of earthenware plates is carefully laid out, together with the intact wine amphora.

The objects and bones would originally have been laid out in stout wooden boxes or chests, and of these no trace remains except the nails and the odd wood stain on the soil. Before cremation, the bodies would have lain in state in a central position on the site, surrounded by their various possessions.

"These burials were rare," Mr Crummy said. "I don't believe we have yet found the grave of Cunobelin himself, but these people must have been his relations — brothers, uncles, maybe — and he would certainly have been present here for the ritual burials."

The excavation has been funded by Tarmac, which is holding an open day tomorrow between 10am and 4pm. The site is almost opposite Colchester Zoo, with parking near the volunteers' camp site.

Ian Findlater, regional director of Tarmac Quarry Products, said that Tarmac was delighted to support the dig. The company has suspended gravel excavation on the site to give the archaeologists time to complete their work.



The site at Colchester provides fresh evidence about British funeral customs

Anti-drug mob fury halted by riot police

By AUDREY MAGEE

A CROWD threw stones and petrol bombs in a protest near the home of an alleged drug dealer yesterday, setting fire to his car. Police in riot gear were called to disperse them.

About 200 people had gathered to cheer outside the flats of three alleged dealers as they were arrested in Summerhill, Dublin. However, the mood turned violent as residents accused the Government of not doing enough to curb drugs. Police finally sealed off the area.

George Royal, a member of the residents' association, said: "We have tried every lawful avenue open to us. We have been to the police, the Minister for Justice and nothing has changed. The only thing now is violence." The alleged dealers were subsequently released on bail.

About 7,000 people live in the one square mile around Summerhill, and approximately 1,500 are said to be using heroin, including children as young as 12. Most dealers buy supplies directly from Dublin's drug barons, two of whom are believed responsible for the murder of the investigative journalist Veronica Guerin.

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Mbeki apologises for ANC atrocities during struggle

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

IN BOLD evidence before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President, apologised yesterday for atrocities committed during the struggle against apartheid, but defended his party's "just war" against white rule.

"We recognise there were excesses and want to apologise," Mr Mbeki said in reply to a question from the panel.

Seated in the positions occupied a day earlier by their one-time foes from the National Party, Mr Mbeki led a 23-member team that included Cabinet ministers, provincial leaders and backbench MPs. Among several hundred supporters who sat spellbound through the hearing was a man wearing a T-shirt with the words "ANC One Nation For Peace And Democracy".

Mr Mbeki, told Archbishop Desmond Tutu, chairman of the commission, that the ANC resorted to violence in its struggle for democracy only in 1980 after white rule had blocked all other avenues of protest. "In the end, the fundamental issue we would like to present to the [commission] is that as a liberation movement we engaged

in a just war for liberation," he said. "The conduct of that war should not be the subject of these proceedings."

Nevertheless Mr Mbeki conceded that some ANC members had exceeded their orders and the ANC statement acknowledged that the fight against government infiltration in ANC exile bases had been at times brutal. The statement named 34 people executed on the

Party's evidence on Wednesday and gave details of individual incidents. F.W. de Klerk, the National Party leader and Second Deputy President, said that his party had much to apologise for, but he said he had never sanctioned assassination and torture and argued that apartheid had been an honest, though misguided, attempt to govern South Africa.

Mr Mbeki tackled the issue of heal the past by confronting it and this week it has heard submissions from political parties to help in formulating a framework for judging whether acts of violence and human rights abuses were committed with a political motive.

Mr Mbeki said that the commission was a compromise between a "Nuremberg trials scenario" and an opportunity for perpetrators to escape without punishment; he added that there were many questions the commission needed answers to in connection with the murder of ANC members and the apartheid system.

◀ The fundamental issue we would like to present is that as a movement we engaged in a just war for liberation ▶

orders of an ANC tribunal in Angola between 1980 and 1989. An ANC document listed details of torture methods used in a detention camp. "There were instances where we could have acted more firmly and speedily to prevent or stop abuses, and for that the ANC accepts collective responsibility," Mr Mbeki said.

The ANC statement, notwithstanding some gaps, was in marked contrast to the National

Party's evidence on Wednesday and several times offered his party's apologies for what had happened. Replying to a question from the panel, he said it was wrong to think that the ANC had not told relations of the dead what had happened to their loved ones during the exile years and he referred to earlier statements released by the ANC in which the party apologised.

The truth commission aims to



Mbeki, First Deputy President, rejected calls for a general amnesty

Military kills 6,000 civilians after coup

FROM REUTERS IN BURUNDI

MORE than 6,000 people in Burundi were reported killed in the three weeks since the July 25 army coup, according to Amnesty International.

In a statement yesterday, the London-based group said the human rights situation in Burundi had continued to deteriorate, despite promises by Pierre Buyoya, the new Tutsi military ruler, to stop the killings.

Amnesty said it had learned that at least 4,050 unarmed civilians were killed between July 27 and August 10 by government forces in the Gitega district of the central province of Gitega alone.

"Most of these victims were killed after the army came to their villages, ostensibly to obtain information about movements of rebels. Soldiers then assembled the victims and shot them," it said.

The United Nations refugee agency said it had completed the repatriation from Burundi of more than 45,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees.

Change of mood as saintly Mandela's frailty is exposed

NELSON MANDELA's formal announcement that he will not seek another term as the ANC's - and thus South Africa's - president comes at a time when there has been an almost tangible change of mood in the country.

The combination of a continuing corruption scandal, the Government's apparent impotence in the face of a crime wave, the rise of vigilantism, together with other signs that the Government lacks any sort of grip, has led to sharp criticisms of President Mandela in the press and even on the state-controlled radio.

For the first time, one can hear voices raised arguing that Mandela's usefulness is at an end and that it would be better if he went now rather than waiting until 1999.

The President remains hugely popular on a purely personal level. The most recent poll gave him a 76 per cent approval rating, but this appreciation is, in a sense, hollow.

There are three main reasons for the change in mood. The fact that Mr Mandela has had to own up to an accusation that he accepted 2 million rands (£300,000) from a casino magnate has done enormous damage. Worse, Mr Mandela claims this payment was only one of

many such contributions of which he alone was aware.

Secondly, there is crime. Stories abound of corrupt policemen, of Cabinet ministers associating with drug lords and of a general Government unwillingness to go beyond rhetoric in the struggle against crime.

Finally, there is the fact that Mr Mandela is beginning to show his 78 years. Recently he referred to Jim Bolger, the visiting New Zealand Prime Minister, as an Australian, and continued to do so even after Mr Bolger had corrected him.

Similarly, television showed him receiving a deputation of "Women Against Rape" with irrelevant boasts of how many women there were in the Cabinet until one of the women asked what on earth that had to do with rape. Or again, it was noticeable that Mandela, while defending Cheryl Carolus, the ANC acting secretary-general, repeatedly referred to her as "he".

Probably none of this will be enough to make Mr Mandela go. But more and more voices are asking whether the country can really afford an ineffectual president for the next two and a half years.

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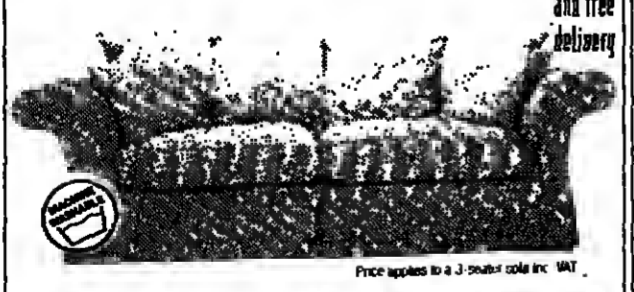
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Germany cuts 'chain'

By James B

THE Bundesbank surprised and delighted financial markets yesterday with an aggressive cut in interest rates that was widely interpreted as an attempt to keep plans for a single currency on track.

Germany's central bank said that it was cutting its repo rate from 3.3 per cent to 3 per cent, a much bigger cut than analysts had expected. Its official discount and Lombard rates were held unchanged as expected, at 2.25 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively.

The Bank of France swiftly allowed, cutting its key intervention rate to 3.25 per cent from 3.55 per cent. Belgium

Departing chairman given £488,000

By Alasdair Murray

MALCOLM DAGUL, former chairman of Southend Property Holdings, left the company this year with a golden handshake worth nearly £500,000, in addition to selling his personal shareholding for £15.2 million.

Mr Dagul stepped down after agreeing a reverse takeover of Old Hall Estates Group.

As part of the deal, he sold his 20 per cent stake in Southend at 71.5p a share, a 52 per cent premium to the market price at the time, of 47p.

The company's annual report reveals that Mr Dagul left with a £488,000 payoff, equivalent to twice his basic salary.

He also received a total pay package of £329,000 for the part of the year he served before stepping down.

Mr Dagul sold his 21 million shares to the vendors of Old Hall, including Graeme Jackson, who has become chief executive of Southend, and Neil Ankers who has taken over as finance director.

Mr Dagul had become disillusioned with the performance of the company.

Southend incurred a loss of £10 million in the year to the end of March and declined to pay a final dividend. It has also been forced to cut its net assets per share valuation from 91.7p to 62p, while its share price has sagged to 35p.

The company intends to change its name to Hampton Trust after its annual meeting next month.

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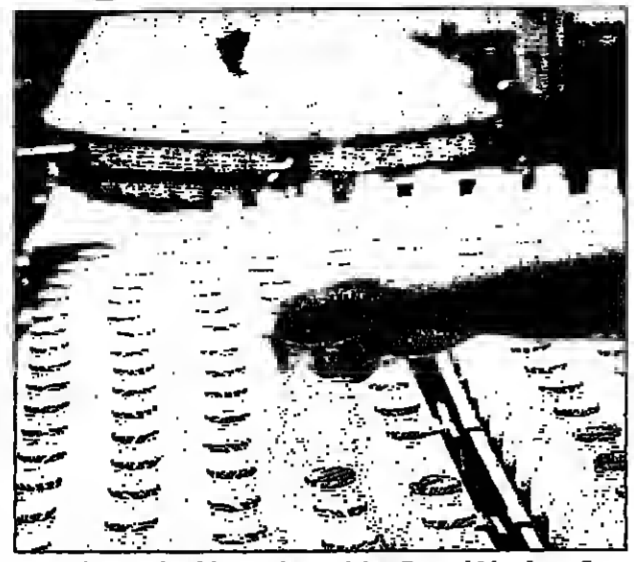
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STOCK MARKET OLIVER AUGUST

German rate cut boosts building materials sector

THE FT-SE 100 index was driven to a fresh high of 3,991.1 by a wave of statistical and interest rate changes across Europe yesterday.



Foods were healthy. Unigate rising 7p and Northern 5p

Berisford fell from 173p to 160p as a result of an industrial dispute. The unionised workforce at the Magnet Kitchen factory in Darlington voted for immediate strike action.

Better than expected profits and a confident statement lifted the Weir Group 18p to 234p.

Good news is expected from next Wednesday's WH Smith interim results. Shares were up 11p to 532p.

The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, published final results. The shares slipped from 331p to 324p. Pearson also fell, from 66p to 63p, after an extraordinary meeting approved the purchase of a further 30 per cent stake in Reedels.

Erission announced the signing of a new deal with The Telephone & Telecommunications to supply hardware for the provinces outside Bangkok. Valued at \$60 million, the contract also includes installation and training.

Some salesmen suggested that the unexpectedly large cut signalled that this may be the last one for a while. 'We have seen people saying that if there was a decent rally on that cut, look to sell again,' one said.

The December future closed ten basis points higher at 94.30, while the March 1997 contract put on 0.12 to 94.09. NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street rebounded on news of the sharp reduction in a key German interest rate and helped by technology sector gains.

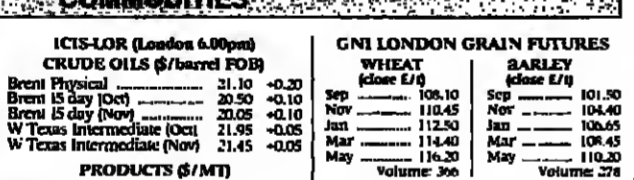
20 per cent growth target, which it has met for the past 14 years.

Fourth Ports at 563p fell 2p and the Go-Ahead Group at 303p fell 1p. Mersey Docks stabilised at 404p after Wednesday's plunge on the downgrading of analysts' full-year forecasts.

Risk-takers with exotic tastes may want to turn their attention to RTZ, the mining group. In a statement to the Stock Exchange about its diamond programme, RTZ said it is exploring an area of unknown size and economic potential. The shares went up from 96p to 97p.

The Prudential led equities higher with a rise of 17p to 442p in anticipation of an early flotation of its Mercantile and General subsidiary, which is expected to raise over £1.3 billion.

The resolution of the problems in the milk industry, although not signed and sealed yet, had an impact on sector generally followed suit. Tate & Lyle were up from 46p to 47p. United Biscuits rose 2p to 21p and Hillsdown gained 4p to 91p.



SLIGHT RISE AFTER A BIG FALL

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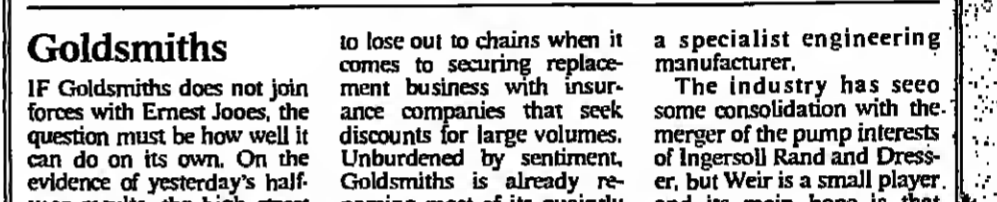
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TEMPUS Labour pains advertisement with headline and sub-header.

THE stock market had almost forgotten about strikes. Once upon a time, labour relations were an issue for investors - or, to be precise, where the issue was raised, investors tended to be absent.

capital intensive and Rentokil needs to stem BET's heavy cash outflow. Attention to BET's weaknesses in the first half, it seems to have paid less attention to the pennies in its own till.



CLASHING CULTURES

Unfortunately, Rentokil raised a few doubts yesterday on its own strategic direction. The retention of BET's plant hire business conveniently protects Rentokil from the earnings dilution that would result from a sale.

Goldsmiths IF Goldsmiths does not join forces with Ernest Jones, the question must be how well it can do on its own.

To make the figures truly sparkle, Goldsmiths needs to grow. It has only 3 per cent of the jewellery market while Signet's businesses, Ernest Jones and H Samuel, boast 18 per cent.

All this is to the detriment of the independents that still control the majority of the jewellery market. They tend to lose out to chains when it comes to securing replacement business with insurance companies that seek discounts for large volumes.

Weir Group WEIR GROUP has the misfortune of having half of its business in pumps, a cut-throat market served by major companies in Europe, North America and Japan.

to lose out to chains when it comes to securing replacement business with insurance companies that seek discounts for large volumes.

Sadly, Weir has not been making a great deal of headway. Engineering Services only maintained its return on sales during the half year.

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EXHIBIT 30 handwritten note.

Now the tobacco giants begin to feel the heat

Alasdair Murray says the industry's apparent aura of invincibility is no more



About 15 billion cigarettes, including over a billion in the US, are smoked every day

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Smoke signals in the scares

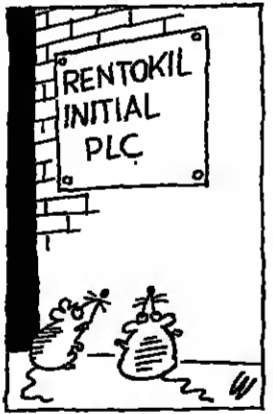
PANIC in the cigarette market yesterday, as another court case neared its end and President Clinton was expected to classify nicotine as a drug, reminded one old tobacco analyst of the money his company made in previous health scares.

Canning's move

BIG changes at Burson Marsteller, the PR firm, where Alison Canning, chief executive of the London office, is leaving after 13 years to pursue new interests.

Full voice

FORM an orderly queue, please, for your complimentary copy of the latest compact disc from the Bayer Male Voice Choir. The German chemicals company is making available the CD, which was recorded during the first tour of Britain this year by the choir.



Offside

PETER HILL-WOOD, the merchant banker who chairs Arsenal Football Club, attempted to field questions about the recent sacking of manager Bruce Rioch and Arsenal's inability to name a replacement.

Bartlett drive

A SORRY tale reaches us from Ford Open Prison in Sussex, where inmates include John Bartlett, a former racing driver.

Grady Carter cuts an unlikely figure as the man who may go down in history for felling one of the world's oldest and most powerful industries.

Mr Carter and his wife, Millie, decided to seek compensation for his illness, which resulted in him losing part of a lung.

The ovens were hardly good for Mr Carter even though his lawyer, Norwood Wilner, had cut his teeth winning millions of dollars of compensation from asbestos companies.

Nor did Mr Carter establish a legal precedent that could be employed in hundreds of similar cases to reach favourable settlements.

It is perhaps premature to pronounce the death of the tobacco industry. Smoking remains one of the world's favourite addictions.

scratched the surface of markets in the developing world. In China, for instance, just 10 per cent of the market is for Western cigarettes.

Embassy and John Player Special. In the context of a world market that seems to offer a licence to print money, the battles in America become almost parochial.

There is also a very real chance that the Carter case will be overturned when it goes to appeal, as happened with a similar case in New Jersey in 1988.

Jersey in 1988. But the victory has given the anti-smoking lobby new hope.

The tobacco companies are also facing a number of other legal challenges, including 13 states suing for the medical costs of treating smokers.

President Clinton enjoys the odd cigar, but smoking has been banned at the White House and he seems keen to make the habit a political issue.

The industry has responded by pouring serious money into the Republican Party's coffers.

But America will always remain fundamental to the tobacco companies, in spite of the promise of new markets.

BUSINESS LETTERS

The development of Heathrow's Terminal 5 and competitive needs

From Mr Gordon Glass Sir, Mrs Dunwoody's letter (Business Letters, August 20) in line with the Select Committee's report...

Unfortunately, the Select Committee's report lacked this examination of the effects on Heathrow, particularly regarding the need to increase slots and traffic.

I am sure British Airways will be very happy. As the Select Committee implied in a previous report, a proper UK aviation policy and strategy is long overdue.

From the Chairman of Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise Sir, it is disappointing that Gwyneth Dunwoody has swallowed the airlines' argument that improving competi-

tion in the aviation market requires an increase in slots at Heathrow to accommodate new services.

In fact, as we showed in our evidence to the Transport Select Committee, the best way to ensure competition at Heathrow is to introduce an auction for the slots which are currently available.

Immensely valuable Heathrow slots are given away for nothing, which explains the pressure from airlines to increase their number.

Lower paid are real losers from tobacco tax

From Dr B S Smith Sir, Graham Seareant (August 12) comes close to accepting that the tobacco industry will ultimately expire.

He refers to the dependence of Governments upon tobacco as a source of revenue - to treat victims of tobacco-related diseases. Unfortunately, at least in developed countries, the main users of tobacco are the lowest income, least well educated members of society.

It has life-enhancing qualities, both social and medical (The Times, August 14). Whilst the argument for alcohol prohibition is not sustainable, tobacco has overwhelmingly negative attributes.

As to "road rage" prevention. Smokers have a higher rate of driving accidents. It may be simply that they are inherent risk-takers; however, some may experience difficulty in controlling their vehicle whilst simultaneously manipulating a cigarette or pipe.

Bleak prospects for gold down under

The lack of big new discovery is troubling the industry and investors, says Rachel Bridge

Almost by definition gold miners are an optimistic bunch and indeed the entire gold mining industry is steeped in tales of fortunes made and lost on the turn of a shovel.

Growth has been rapid. Ten years ago the Australian gold sector was valued at \$700 million (£350 million). Today, it is worth \$18 billion and gold is the country's second largest export.



The spectre of higher production costs because of resolving land title claims by Aboriginal groups is compounding the industry's woes

money are being spent on exploration with very little to show for it. What's more, the discoveries that have been made have been mainly extensions to existing deposits.

because of the cost - and time - of resolving native title land claims by Aboriginal groups.

Barnett, Western Australia's Resources Minister, points out: "Australia in the 1990s is coming to grips with native title and the needs of indigenous people that America and other countries came to terms with a hundred years ago."

problem and it is very difficult to dismiss. It is reducing mining interest in areas where a company knows it will be subjected to native title claims.

plan to scrap the diesel fuel rebate, which was introduced as compensation for excise duty imposed to pay for public roads that the mining industry did not use.

tion projects overseas. And it is not just the largest companies that are looking offshore - a growing number of junior exploration companies are joining them too.

Over the past few months, for example, Resolute Samantha has begun two exploration projects in Africa. Golden Shamrock Mines has started exploring in Ghana.

Others, however, argue that the next spectacular gold discovery is all it will take to bring everyone racing home to get the party going again.

Equities close at record high

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EDUCATION

Financial problems plague Paul McCartney's newly opened Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts

THEATRE

Plenty of Sixties memories, but little else in Jim Cartwright's disappointing show Kiss the Sky

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MUSIC 1

Anne-Sophie Mutter mesmerises a Proms audience with her account of the Brahms Violin Concerto

MUSIC 2

A monumental centrepiece for Edinburgh as Abbado conducts Schoenberg's Gurrelieder



Students at Liverpool's Institute for the Performing Arts, which opened last January with a fanfare and the high-profile support of Paul McCartney and other music luminaries

All you need is more money

Paul McCartney's Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts is already faced with a £5 million deficit. Andy Lavender reports

Cast your mind back to January, when the winter gloom was brightened by the inauguration of a glamorous new arts initiative...

refurbishment, originally estimated at around £8.2 million, had turned out to be more than £12.5 million. So, just two months after its official opening, the LIPA enterprise is grappling with a £5 million deficit.

Institute's director of finance and resources, initial fears that the school might close are "absolutely and utterly not the case at all".

the extensive electrical work needed to support computer systems, recording facilities and a 500-seat theatre, not to mention a swipe-card security system and new phone lines. All told, more than 40 miles of cables were installed.

ner in the firm, had no comment to make. However, Featherstone-Witty feels able to draw general conclusions from LIPA's experience for the benefit of other arts organisations...

Plunder in the sunrise

CONCERTS: Schoenberg and Haydn at the Usher Hall

THE other monumental centrepiece of the fiftieth Edinburgh International Festival, together with the War Requiem performed in the same hall two days earlier, was Schoenberg's Gurrelieder...



as Waldemar had not been more than momentarily submerged. If Jane Eaglen was worried that the lustre seemed to have deserted her sound as Tove she could still take pride in the intensity of it, just as Marjana Lipovsek, a severely uncompassionate Wood Dove, could celebrate the sustained firmness of her line.

GERALD LARNER



Claudio Abbado rehearsing Gurrelieder in Edinburgh

Nostalgia's not what it was

The Bush pub is a desolate-looking place these days. Over its dark, dirty windows is a large placard. "Another great Firkin acquisition by the Firkin Brewery, usque ad mortem bibendum", suggesting that it eventually expects a clientele of beer-swilling yobs with Classics degrees.



Alan Williams as The Traveller, telling us what it was like to take drugs in Amsterdam

THEATRE

Kiss the Sky Shepherd's Bush Empire

The not-too-convincing pretence is that this festival is where the era's celebs are singing the songs we are hearing. Two beautiful people garlanded Indian-style ask us to shut our eyes and transmit love and enlightenment to the universe beyond.

"Let us join together as part of the universe" and a long harangue from a young woman who claims that the Establishment and its lackeys are running scared of the counter-culture.

BBC PROMS: Mutter and Masur

Not quite the American dream

THE COMBINATION of Anne-Sophie Mutter and the New York Philharmonic under Kurt Masur, in the second of their Proms (Albert Hall), promised to be a dream ticket. If the promise was not quite lived up to, it was not the fault of either Mutter or Masur.

ed with a broad brush and the love-music was aptly red-blooded. The Death of Tybalt was somewhat feeble, in spite of blowsy brass, though the final bars made a bigger impact.

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Mr America, Mr Dance



Gerald Arpino with members of the Joffrey company, whose Billboards, danced to music by Prince, opens at the Festival Hall next Wednesday

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Allen Robertson meets Gerald Arpino, the man who saved the Joffrey Ballet from extinction...

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The whole table was waiting there like culturers, or some terrible gargoyles, to descend on me...

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Cardiff's Donna Lewis couldn't get a record deal in Britain. Now she's climbing the US singles charts

POP 2



Pearl Jam's new album, No Code, is both oddly beautiful and just plain odd. But it's pure Pearl Jam

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POP 3



A no-nonsense, 14-track selection of hit singles and stage favourites should delight Levellers fans

POP 4



The reborn Mike Oldfield gets inside the tunes of Celtic culture on his latest release, Voyager

Made in Wales, broken in America

Later today Donna Lewis will discover if her single I Love You Always Forever, currently No 2 in the American charts, has made its expected upward progress and topped the chart. Already, she has established herself as one of an increasingly rare breed: few British acts are able to crack the American market these days...

Foie gras there, dogmeat here: welcome to the dislocated world of Donna Lewis

Although the melodic I Love You... offers a taste of what that style has turned out to be, it is more fully explored on the debut album Now In A Minute. "Rickie Lee Jones and the Blue Nile have been my biggest influences," Lewis admits.

Jan Grenfell, international director of East-West, which is releasing the song in this country, agrees that domestic pop no longer travels as well as it once did. "It just doesn't have the same international appeal," he says.

But before we indulge in any vicarious enjoyment of her achievement, we should remember one thing: Lewis could not get a record deal in Britain, and had to go to New York to get signed. Speaking from her temporary home in Woodstock, New York, the Cardiff-born singer-songwriter admits that even she is stunned by the sudden success of a track that is now four years old, with a lyric inspired by the H.E. Bates novel Love For Lydia...



Here's some good news for Pearl Jam fans: "The copyist's tag should be cut off here and now. Eddie Vedder [far right] is plainly his own man"

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WITH grunge a much devalued commodity and a birth certificate stamped "Seattle" no longer accepted as instant proof of musical cool, the rug has rather been pulled from under Eddie Vedder and Pearl Jam's feet.

And in the time that has passed since its release (and as the PR material accompanying this fourth LP is at pains to point out), all five Pearl Jam members, plus longtime collaborator-co-producer Brendan O'Brien, have been involved in myriad other projects...

More likely, if one pours over the lyrics here, it is because Vedder has been struggling to find himself, or at least has been asking those age-old "What's it all about, Alfie?"-type questions. The result is an album that is

NEW ALBUMS: Alan Jackson cheers as Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder finally emerges from the shadow of Nirvana

sometimes oddly beautiful (Around the Bend, Present Tense), often just plain odd (In My Tree) but, best of all, consistently unlike anything other than Pearl Jam. That copyist's tag should be cut off here and now. Vedder is plainly his own man.

NEUROTIC OUTSIDERS

If A supergroup is one whose line-up boasts the best-known members of a range of other bands, then the Neurotic Outsiders come under starker orders as merely super-ish. Steve Jones, John Taylor, Duff McKagan and Matt Sorum can claim respective membership of the Sex Pistols, Duran Duran and Guns N'Roses, but they would hardly be at the top of any autograph-hunter's list.

and behind-the-bike-sheds humour too, as is proved to some tedium across 11 original tracks and a redundant cover of the Clash's Janie Jones.

They're probably a lot of fun to see live (they began collective life at a benefit gig held at Los Angeles's infamous Viper Room) and, indeed, hope to play here next month. But for lazy, self-referential humour and musical indulgence, recorded tracks such as Jerk and Union take some beating.

MIKE OLDFIELD

Voyager (WEA 0630-15896-2) THE NEWS that Oldfield has relocated recently to Ibiza, coupled with the fact that he has been name-checked as an influence by more than one of today's electro-dance bands, might lead you to expect Voyager to be some kind of soundtrack to life in the blissed-out Balearics. In fact, it's all so

unremittingly Celtic that you can imagine the Scottish and Irish tourist boards swooning with joy on hearing it. A few well-chosen shots of rugged landscapes and hey presto, the instant TV advertisement.

In combining new and original material with his arrangements of traditional songs and airs (She Moves Through the Fair, Women of Ireland and so on), Oldfield reminds us again of his skill at getting inside a cultural genre, replicating its tones and mood. Whether Voyager will perform as well as 1992's career-relaunching Tubular Bells II remains to be seen. A club remix or two may be in order.

LEVELLERS

Best Live: Headlights, White Lines, Black Tar Rivers (China CD WOLCD1047) SCORNEO by both music critics and the style police, but huge with what their detractors usually term raggle-taggle rufusniks (er, that's students and anyone else whose conscience is bigger than their clothes budget), the Brighton-based Levellers have proved conclusively that unfashionable does not have to mean unsuccessful. None of their four studio LPs has ever quite achieved the same momentum as their raucous, fiddle-driven stage shows however, making the band better than usual candidates for that potentially disastrous venture, a live album. The good news is that this no-nonsense, 14-track selection of hit singles and stage favourites — recorded on tour throughout Europe last year — makes a better-than-average list of explaining why singer Mark Chadwick and colleagues retain so devoted a following: their heady self-belief is captured perfectly.



Today Donna Lewis's I Love You Always Forever could hit No 1 in America. It's released in Britain on Monday

As the world market increases, so the financial stakes get higher. "American labels know that if a Mariah Carey or a Celine Dion breaks everywhere, the returns will be phenomenal," Grenfell says. No wonder, then, that they should prefer the profits to come to them, not to some English company. And, he says, it will work in Lewis's favour that she was signed in America and has broken there first. "Australia and the Far East feed off America nowadays, not the UK. Had she cracked Britain, but failed to make it across the Atlantic, parts of the rest of the world might have been cut off to her as a result."

Meanwhile, as Lewis waits for the call that will tell her the fate of I Love You... on her adoptive country's latest chart, she can draw additional confidence from Grenfell's final comment: "Of course, some singles are just unstopable — and Donna's is one of them. It's one of those rare songs that will be a hit everywhere."

ALAN JACKSON

I Love You Always Forever is released on Monday by East-West. The album Now In A Minute will follow on Sept 30

Kenickie bless the beats, the beasts and the children Laverne and shrilly

These are stars. "Other bands, they're not so clever. Instance: when they get a deal with a record company, they waste it all on instruments. This is foolish. There are lipsticks, there are many hair preparations. There are handbags in various colours of the world. Life needs investment."

These are stars. It seems like they just woke up one day and decided to be starlike, dress like stars, talk like stars, hang out all the places stars do. "We've always been — unusual." Lauren Laverne says cheerfully. "We've always embraced peculiar lifestyles and manners — we've been spies, serial killers. We've kept things varied. But it seemed that pop music needed us, and so we regrettably let the lease expire on the beach house, dirtied ourselves up, affected the disguise of 17-year-old girls from Sunderland and here we are to make your lives strange."

Laverne — "My name is from the French 'la', meaning 'the' — is Kenickie's lead singer. She has the marvellous habit of stroking each of her fingers in turn across her cheek while raising an eyebrow. Cruella De Vil-style. The band itself is the straried-

toothed brainchild of Laverne and her best friend since the age of seven, the effervescent Marie Du Santiago. On the day Kenickie signed their record deal, they celebrated by hiring an open-top bus and driving around London. Du



CATLIN MORAN

Santiago failed to notice a low bridge and was nearly decapitated. The band is completed by Laverne's brother Pete, who drums and prefers to be called X; and Emmy-Kate Montrose, who was in Byker Grove — "the North East's answer to Grange Hill". Together, these four quarter parts of Kenickie make two-minute singles that start in top gear and then change up, horse-sized adrenalin pills with titles like Catsuit City and Come Out 2Nite.

Lauren's lyrics are everything lyrics should be: her appraisal of falling off her new skateboard goes: "I hate skateboarding/I hate everything, it's so s---/ And unfortunately, I've just wasted, like, 95 pence on this." The focus of hatred in Come Out 2Nite is dismissed with "She drank all that we had/She threw up and I was glad." It's the Corybantic kick of punk-pop, but with a sense of space and melody that promises a debut album to get very excited about; although it only exists, as yet, in Kenickie's fizzing heads.

"We intend to progress," Lauren says. "We will have many phases. A phase of jumping from tall places on to small things, a phase of drinking, but backwards so that vodka will shoot through our eyes like a laser-gun." "A phase of animal substitution." Du Santiago says gleefully. "We will mark our every TV appearance by substituting one member of the band with an animal. When Kenickie becomes four parts animal, we will begin to reintroduce human life. It will be interesting to see how beasts have shaped our sound."

The single, Panties, is released on Sept 2 by EMIDisc. Kenickie play the Reading Festival tomorrow



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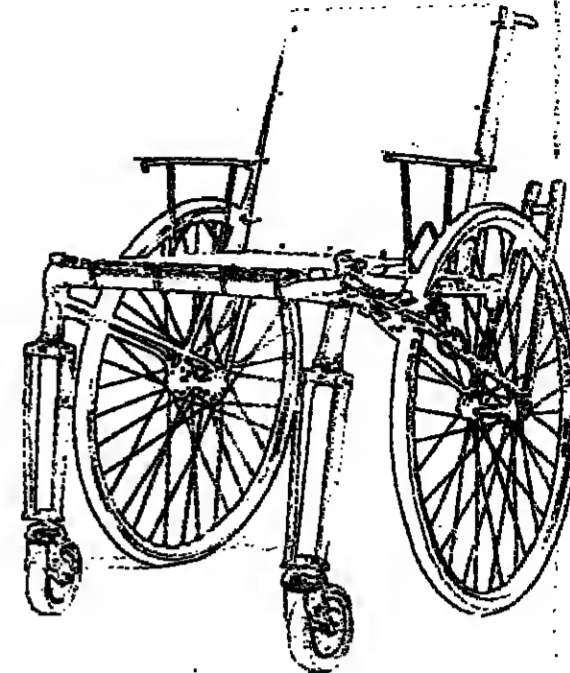


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Hodde gives Le Tissier his chance



Le Tissier: player seen either as lazy or a genius

By Rob Hughes Football Correspondent

The recall of Matthew Le Tissier and the introduction of David Beckham are without doubt the most eloquent statements of intent in the first England squad named by Glenn Hoddle yesterday.

ted, is at the other end of the scale: a 21-year-old whose goal from the halfway line against Wimbledon last weekend aroused every football watcher, just as Beckham had caught the eye of Hoddle at a youth tournament in Toulon.

his skills before they came into fashion and of the opinion that, just as Pelé, Maradona, Kluyvert and even Gary Neville have proven, if a player is gifted enough, inexperience is no excuse not to trust him.

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will complete the job of asking England's finest to lift their heads, use their vision, show that Paul Gascoigne (who, Hoddle expects to be fit after Achilles tendon soreness) is not a solitary visionary.

the FA Carling Premiership for only two games. Some are already injured - notably Tony Adams, Jamie Redknapp and David Platt. Yesterday, Philip Neville, the Manchester United left back, learnt that his ankle injury requires surgery, compounding long-term injuries to Graeme Le Saux and to Jason Wilcox, and giving Hoddle exactly the same dilemma of no natural left-sided player faced by his predecessor.

keep. The example of Italy, losing [Franco] Baresi and then finding they couldn't replace him, is very much in my mind. We know, for the moment, half what is in that mind. Hoddle has chosen a squad, not yet a team. I'm aware that the first priority is three points in Moldova, and after watching them in Turkey last week, I think they have a few players better than the last time I saw them. But the group as a whole - Moldova, Georgia, Poland and Italy - is the strongest in the World Cup qualifying. That makes it a hell of a challenge.

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Odd dismissals in Oval Test

Crawley stands in breach as England falter

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE OVAL (first day of five; England won; Pakistan scored 278 for six wickets against England)

JOHN CRAWLEY arrived in Test cricket as if by destiny and then spent two years confronting failure and frustration. Yesterday, while the rest of the England batsmen indulged in a competition for the most curious dismissal, he delivered the innings long expected of him.

however, will feel they can win. The way the wickets fell was uniformly baffling, Alec Stewart was bowled flicking carelessly across a leg break, Nasser Hussain offered gentle slip-catching practice and Michael Atherton was bowled behind his legs. The best batting of the day ensued, before Graham Thorpe was leg-before, playing a stroke so crooked he will have winced at the slow-motion replay, and Nick Knight was bowled trying to withdraw his bat.

overnight, will be exempt from blame. His England career has been a faltering, lottering process. His technique was exposed against South Africa, his athleticism questioned in Australia and his fitness let him down cruelly in Durban last winter. But when another chance came, at Leeds, he batted with the urgent authority of one making up for lost time. If England had sacrificed a batsman instead of a wicketkeeper to accommodate five bowlers here, he might not have played. At least the selectors can reflect with satisfaction on this part of their equation.



Atherton looks on as Mushtaq leads the celebrations after breaking the England opening partnership by bowling Stewart for 44

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intervened. Stewart's stroke was frivolous and his reaction, as the ball passed the inside edge to bowl him, was graphic. He stood rooted to the spot, unable to credit what had happened.

second slip. Atherton, who had already been dropped by Mujaba at short square-leg off one flawed pull, missed with another ugly attempt and then survived a confident leg-before appeal from a roused Waqar, who got his man in the third over of the afternoon as Atherton moved too far across his crease. Crawley then joined Thorpe

in a partnership of 89, decorated with strokes of high pedigree. Thorpe always likes to be forthright, especially when the ball is coming truly onto the bat, but Crawley played with such instant fluency that he upstaged him, driving the fast bowlers with sweet timing and playing Mushtaq's wrist-spin with quiet certainty.

Thorpe's twentieth score above 50 for England did not even threaten to become only his third century and Knight, having fetched Mushtaq from outside off stump for an audacious six over mid-wicket, perished unluckily.

Lewis's privileges extended to batting ahead of Croft but he did not make the most of it, getting in a terrible tangle as Wasim went round the wicket to angle the ball in. Crawley, four hours into his long-standing date with a Test century, needs to turn it into something very substantial.

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OVAL SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for England First Innings, Pakistan First Innings, and Bowling statistics for both teams.

Sussex turn their back on Giddins

By Alan Lee

SUSSEX turned their back on trouble yesterday, cutting all ties with Ed Giddins, their suspended drugs offender. In a predictable development to a regrettable saga, Giddins was informed that he has no future at the club he joined straight from school in 1990.

interests of the club and player if a clean break were made, but the brutal truth is that Sussex were impatient to unload a player who had become difficult to handle. Giddins will be free to join another county for the 1998 season, if he can maintain fitness and enthusiasm that long. In the meantime, he is sifting sadly predictable offers from tabloid newspapers for the spicier stories of his life and, no doubt, seeking the help and guidance that Sussex were unprepared to give.

will be a much less interesting place to be next year. Meanwhile, Warwickshire's lingering hopes of retaining the county championship pennant for a third year have received a severe setback with the news that Shaun Pollock is playing his last match for them. He will return to South Africa next Tuesday for surgery on the injured left ankle that has troubled him intermittently all summer.

Pollock, 23, underwent scans on the ankle last week. Bob Woolmer, the South Africa coach, took the results home with him this week and Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, has now contacted Warwickshire to arrange for Pollock's immediate return.



Giddins: tabloid offers

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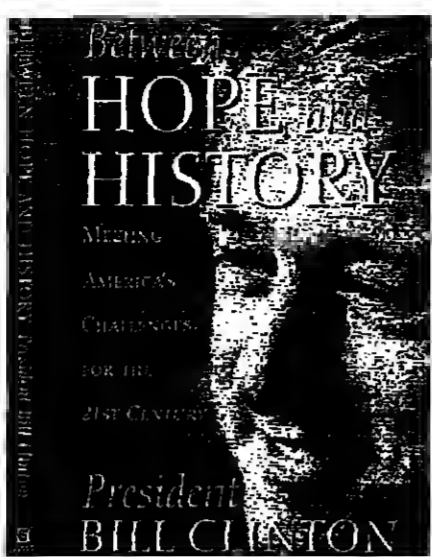
By Tom Rhodes

THE work of a ghostwriter, massaged by the White House and published under President Clinton's name arrived in bookstores throughout America yesterday to a distinctly lukewarm reception.

Little more than a compendium of Mr Clinton's speeches over the past two years, *Between Hope and History* offers no autobiographical reflection, no agenda for a second term and no mention of the various scandals that have plagued his presidency. His peace initiatives in Northern Ireland, Bosnia and the Middle East, once heralded as ground-breaking achievements, are given hardly a page in the light of recent events. Only the title, taken from a poem by Seamus Heaney, is set in the context of Mr Clinton's visit to Ireland last year.

Instead, the slim volume merely recites favourite themes, compares his tenure to that of the Progressive Era presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, and offers an explicitly partisan argument about why Mr Clinton believes he has been a success.

The White House, which kept the publication a secret until last week, has gone to great lengths to insist it is not a political manifesto but a statement of the



Book reveals little about President

President's philosophy — it is subtitled *Meeting America's Challenges for the 21st Century* — centred upon the three themes of opportunity, responsibility and community. Appearing just days before the Democratic Convention, however, the book barely disguises the issues he hopes will dominate both the event in Chicago and the subsequent presidential election campaign.

Without mentioning Bob Dole, his rival, by name, Mr Clinton also lambasts the idea of an across-the-board tax cut that would either explode the deficit or lead to stringent cuts in health programmes. "Mine is truly a progressive vision of the future," he concludes in contrast to the Republican "you're on your own America".

Clinton moves swiftly in tobacco crackdown

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON will approve as early as today the toughest crackdown on the tobacco industry since the US Surgeon General officially linked smoking and lung cancer in 1964.

In a move riddled with election-year politics, Mr Clinton will sign an executive order giving the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) the power to regulate the industry by classifying tobacco as a drug. He will also approve a battery of proposed FDA rules curbing its promotion and sale to teenagers.

Polls suggest the President's announcement will be popular everywhere except in the half-dozen southern states that grow tobacco, and even there Mr Clinton has remained very competitive since he began seriously to challenge the powerful tobacco lobby in 1995. It will strengthen his claim to be a champion of family values as his re-election campaign moves into top gear before

next week's Democratic convention in Chicago. It will also embarrass Bob Dole who has publicly questioned whether nicotine is addictive, and whose party has received many more donations from the tobacco industry than have the Democrats. The Republican presidential nominee moved swiftly to declare his support for restrictions on teenage smoking yesterday and denounced the President's impending announcement as a "campaign gimmick".

Haley Barbour, the Republican Party chairman, referred to Tuesday's government report revealing a doubling of teenage drug use since 1992 and called Mr Clinton's move a "transparent, cynical effort to change the subject away from his Administration's abysmal record on drug enforcement".

The proposed FDA regulations have certainly sped through the White House ap-

proval process, with the budget office taking barely a week to review them instead of the 90 days permitted. They are expected to shadow closely those Mr Clinton suggested last year. They include a ban on cigarette vending machines, restrictions on advertising at sporting events, in magazines with young readerships or near schools, and a requirement that tobacco companies fund a \$150 million (£97 million) anti-smoking advertising campaign.

The tobacco industry is already being sued by 11 states for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses, and its stock prices fell sharply on news of Mr Clinton's imminent announcement. It has filed a lawsuit challenging the FDA's authority to regulate the industry.

Tobacco lies, who contend that smoking kills 400,000 Americans a year, hailed as a milestone Mr Clinton's move against what they describe as

the most dangerous but least regulated product on the market. Everett Koop, former President Reagan's popular Surgeon General, called it "the first serious effort we've made as a country to do something about juvenile smoking".

Jesse Helms, North Carolina's Republican senator, said Mr Clinton had "declared war on 76,000 North Carolinians who gain their livelihood in one form or another from tobacco". Some Democrats from tobacco-growing states joined the criticism.

Mr Clinton, who lives in a smoke-free White House but occasionally smokes a cigar, writes in his book, *Between Hope and History*, published yesterday: "The tobacco industry has no right to peddle cigarettes to children or encourage them directly or indirectly to smoke. It is immoral."

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Police show headless body of family python

Mother's murderer demands execution

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

A FLORIDA man convicted of killing his mother has told a court that he wants to be sent to the electric chair.

Edward Gryzcan, 49, told a Fort Lauderdale court this week that he was "hell-bent" on being executed. After dismissing his lawyer, he was due to make his closing arguments to the jurors late yesterday.

The jury found him guilty in April of killing his mother, Corrine Johnson, in 1993 by breaking her neck, stabbing her in the chest five times, slitting her throat and then placing a rubbish bag over her head. He then sat with her body for 11 days.

Despite a history of mental illness and cocaine addiction, he has rejected all mitigating arguments. Under Florida law, mental condition is often not grounds for leniency.

William Laswell, the sacked defence lawyer, protested against Judge Paul Backman's decision to allow Mr Gryzcan to represent himself. "We've just tried to impose a logical legal system on a guy who's mentally ill," he said.

Britons in tight squeeze with pet

FROM REUTER IN SAN DIEGO

A NINE-FOOT Burmese python bit a pregnant British woman in a San Diego hotel room, then wrapped itself around her and her husband before rescuers beheaded the family pet, police said.

The English couple allowed the three-year-old python — their family pet for the past two months — to slither on to the hotel bed on Wednesday morning.

"The python bit the woman on the thumb and on the butt and then wrapped itself around her," San Diego police said.

The couple's two young children had watched as their father stabbed the python with a pen-knife in an attempt to free their mother, who is eight months pregnant, but the snake coiled itself around his arm. He had managed to call the police who used a small hacksaw to cut off the python's head. The woman was out hurt.

Police said the python had been fed a large guinea-pig two days before, so it was probably not looking for food when it attacked.

Democrats decry welfare Bill as betrayal of poor

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton yesterday launched a huge experiment in American social policy by signing legislation fulfilling his 1992 campaign pledge to "end welfare as we know it".

At a televised Rose Garden ceremony boycotted by several senior Democrats, Mr Clinton signed a Republican-inspired Bill that ends a 60-year-old guarantee of federal aid to the poor, returns responsibility for welfare to the states, and limits how long any able-bodied American can receive welfare.

Mr Clinton's action provoked bitter protests from his own supporters that could well spill over into next week's Democratic convention in Chicago, but the President insisted the Bill, while imperfect, would help millions of people to escape from the welfare trap. It was a "historic opportunity to make welfare what it was meant to be — a second chance not a way of life". Mr Clinton called the Bill a beginning and pledged to try to remedy its defects.

In signing the Bill Mr Clinton not only fulfilled one of his principal campaign promises, but also bolstered his centrist "New Democrat" credentials and robbed Bob Dole, his Republican challenger, of a potent campaign issue. However, there may well be a price to pay.

There were angry demonstrations outside the White House after the ceremony. Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman who will formally propose Mr Clinton as the 1996 presidential nominee, called the signing "an incredibly black mark".

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund who used to be

one of the Clintons' closest friends, said Mr Clinton's action was a "moment of shame" and a "betrayal of children and the poor".

White House officials have been urgently seeking ways to assuage these critics, and Mr Clinton is expected shortly to announce tax incentives for businesses to employ welfare recipients. He has also granted several states permission to waive some of the Bill's toughest requirements.

Ultimately Mr Clinton is betting that his liberal critics will rally behind him because Newt Gingrich and his fellow Republicans pose a much greater threat to the social safety net.

Under the Bill, Washington will give each state a block grant for welfare which it will be free to use as it sees fit within certain parameters. Those include a lifetime limit of five years for welfare assistance and require able-bodied adults to find work within two years. Unmarried teenage mothers will have to stay at home and attend school to receive benefits, and legal immigrants would also be denied most welfare benefits. So would convicted drug dealers. Poor but childless adults would lose their right to food stamps after three months.

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'This is a national failure. If we cannot look after our children, then what kind of people are we?'

Horrorified nation buries victims of paedophile ring

BELGIUM swallowed its anger yesterday and mourned and buried two eight-year-old girls starved to death by a paedophile gang whose activities have prompted an international search for other missing children.

Church bells rang out, sirens sounded and newspapers were edged in black. More than 100,000 people lined the route from the home village of the children, Grâce-Hollogne, to St Martin's Basilica in Liège where the two white coffins were laid in front of the altar.

In barely a week Belgium has passed through several strong emotions. There was jubilation when two other missing girls, a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old, were found alive in an improvised basement prison. The joy faded quickly, however, when it was discovered that they had been sexually abused by their captors. Then came the unearthing last weekend of the two corpses. The girls, Mélissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, had been trussed, stuffed into plastic bags and buried 10ft deep in the backyard of a house belonging to Marc Dutroux, the chief suspect in the paedophile scandal.

The horror turned to anger at the police for conducting a sloppy investigation, at the judicial system for letting a previously convicted, aggressive paedophile like Dutroux slip through the net and the Government for not getting



Two young girls, starved to death by a gang whose sex crimes have stunned Belgium, were buried yesterday. Roger Boyes writes

tougher on sex crimes. Every bar in Belgium has a loud advocate of lynching paedophiles and the country is in a state of surly revolt.

The passionate intensity yesterday gave way to sheer exhaustion. "A tragedy like this is a national failure," said a university lecturer outside the basilica. "If we cannot look after our children, then what kind of people are we? This is the most fundamental thing."

Stefaan de Clerck, the Minister of Justice, was in the packed congregation, with child rights activists, families of still missing children and the parents of the murdered girls. The parents, who felt they were not given enough support from the Royal Family, discouraged the palace from sending an emissary to the service. Instead, big wreaths arrived from King Albert and Queen Paola. Jean Denis Lejeune, Julie's father, seemed to put more value on a wreath — one of 5,000 sent in recent days — sent by a group of prisoners who had clubbed together to buy the flowers. M Lejeune personally thanked the convicts.

The two girls were neigh-

bours and in the 14 months of search the families have grown closer; both mothers yesterday wore white and seemed to be more composed than their husbands. Together the families launched a nationwide hunt with posters declaring "Julie and Mélissa SOS" and carrying a contact telephone number.

They received hundreds of tip-offs and even travelled to South America on what seemed to be a reliable lead. The Belgian police urged them after a fruitless hunt to accept the inevitability of the death of their children; yet at the time the advice was given the girls were still alive, locked up in the tiny concrete cellar in one of Dutroux's many homes.

The funeral yesterday was televised live throughout Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg, and repeated throughout the day. *One newspaper, La Dernière Heure*, had an entirely black front page. A minute of silence was observed throughout the country. Later, fire stations sounded their sirens.

Belgians put black crepe in their windows or attached black ribbons to their car antennas. Candles were put on doorsteps, flags were at half mast. Liège, a smoky industrial city that rarely stops work for anything, came to a standstill; most shops were shuttered. Not since the death of King Baudouin has there been such public mourning.

The deepest reaction was in the steel town of Charleroi where the paedophile gang seems to have concentrated much of its activities. It is a town crisscrossed by straight, narrow streets of terraced houses, but it is also full of poignant reminders of child hood: a life-size statue of Lucky Luke, a comic strip cowboy; a toy factory; a monument to a ten-year-old girl killed by the Germans. A place



A line of funeral cars snakes its way through the streets of Liège yesterday, heading for the funeral in St Martin's Basilica



Mourners listen to the service relayed from the church

apparently so concerned with children was the site of horrific crimes against children; the shame sits deep. Yesterday the steelworkers of Charleroi laid down their tools and some overcome their inhibitions and knelt down to pray.

So many flowers and wreaths have been sent from throughout the world — including some from Britain — that a fire engine had to be included in the cortege to help in transporting the tributes. Many wreaths had teddy bears or children's cuddly toys attached.

The 90-minute service in the basilica tried to combine traditional elements of a funeral Mass with pop songs enjoyed by the two dead girls. But as the songs became dirge and more optimistic, so the parents began to lose their composure. As an eight-year-old treble sang *For The Children Of The Whole World*, Julie's father crumpled, holding his hand

over his ears, bowing his head and letting the tears drop to the floor. **B** Brussels: Police seized pornographic videos from Dutroux's home, showing him sexually abusing victims. *Le Soir* reported yesterday. Other adults are also featured in some of the videos. (AFP)

Religious cult link to child sex trade

By Roger Boyes

A MYSTERIOUS cult known as the Celestian Church of Christ which reportedly has its European headquarters in London, may hold a key to the paedophile scandal which has wracked Belgium.

One of the four men charged in the affair is Jean-Michel Nihoul, a Brussels estate agent. He and his female companion, Annie Bouty, a retired barrister live in a house owned by the Celestian Church of Christ. Moreover, the telephone number of the church is identical to that of Ms Bouty.

This has prompted press speculation — notably in *Lo Dernière Heure* — that the church is more than merely the landlord of a criminal suspect. Yet very little is known about the cult. It appears to have a mainly Nigerian congregation. The four directors of the church's registered company in Belgium are all Nigerian or of Nigerian origin, and include a British citizen of Nigerian birth, Ossai Utugbe Kenneth, who lives in Anderlecht.

There is no indication that the church is holding religious services or conducting spiritual work, however. It owns seven properties in Brussels — including the one used by Nihoul — as well as two houses in Jette, one in Anderlecht and property in three other Belgian towns.

The Belgian security service, which describes the church as a "very small sect", has discovered that its European headquarters is in London and it has a web of international branches. The statutes of the church's registered company yield little information: the company's aim is to implement the principles of the doctrine of the followers of the Celestian Christian Movement.

So far there is nothing to indicate a direct connection between the church and the paedophile group. But Belgian police are so bewildered by the possibility of an international paedophile network that they are now unwilling to ignore any foreign lead, and are increasingly looking for traces of items that could have been used in some form of ritual killing.

Germany jails US neo-Nazi

FROM PETER BILD IN BONN

GARY LAUCK, the American neo-Nazi, was jailed for four years yesterday by a Hamburg court after he was found guilty of spreading banned Nazi propaganda, instigating racial hatred and using the swastika symbol on material sent through the German mail.

Lauck yelled a tirade of abuse at the court after his conviction and shouted "the struggle will go on" as he was led away.

Lauck, thought to be the prime source of Nazi newsletters, pamphlets and other

propaganda circulating in Germany, has boasted that he first read Hitler's *Mein Kampf* when he was 13. How much of his sentence he actually serves — the prosecution demanded five years — will also take account of the time that he has already spent in Danish and German custody. He was arrested in Denmark visiting Nazi friends last year before being extradited to Germany in March.

His extradition, trial and conviction are all seen as setting international legal precedents. Under American freedom of expression rights, Lauck broke no laws in his homeland. His arrest in Den-

mark, which has liberal laws on political material and pornography, only followed strong pressure from Germany and a complaint that he was breaking Danish law on racial incitement.

While Lauck remained silent for most of his trial, his lawyer, Hans-Otto Sieg, argued he could not be tried in Germany for publishing material in the US. The judges ruled, however, that he was actively distributing material in Germany. That is an offence in a country where the constitution makes it a crime to deny, as Lauck has done, that millions died in concentration camps in a Nazi hol-

ocaust. His only complaint about Hitler's treatment of the Jews was: "It was far too humane."

The 43-year-old Nebraskan of German forefathers likes to describe himself as a "super-German". Using the name Gerhard, rather than Gary, and affecting a German accent in his English, Lauck poured out publications from his bungalow in Syracuse, glorifying the Third Reich and Hitler and declaring war on the Jews. Lauck, who sports a Hitler moustache and parts his hair just like the Führer, likes to be photographed wearing a Nazi shirt with a swastika armband.

Portugal in row over ancient art

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

CONTRIVERSY has broken out at the Portuguese archaeological park of Fox Coa, Europe's largest open-air museum of ancient rock art, barely a fortnight after it opened (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

US conservationists have publicly accused the Portuguese of using "well-intentioned but inept" methods to clean the engravings, which date back 20,000 years.

However, João Zilhao, the park's director, insists his methods "are absolutely correct".

Bossi's night at the opera brings chorus of derision

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

UMBERTO BOSSI, the leader of Italy's separatist Northern League, yesterday enlisted Giuseppe Verdi — born near Parma — in his pantheon of heroes.

He caused uproar at Verona's open air opera festival during a performance of *Nabucco* by dubbing the composer a "Padanian patriot".

"Padania" is the name given by Signor Bossi and his supporters to northern Italy. The League won a third of the vote in some of the area's towns in

April's general election and he plans to declare Padanian "independence" next month by marching along the Po Valley from the French-Italian border to Chioggia on the Adriatic.

There was turmoil during the performance when the audience noticed Signor Bossi. As the *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves* ended, some called out "Long Live Bossi", only to be drowned out by incensed anti-separatists who whistled, booed and shouted "Long live United Italy!"

Signor Bossi seemed to have a less than complete grasp of Verdi's work, however. He told reporters he admired *Nabucco* above all for its famous *Chorus of the Lombardians* — to be heard in Verdi's *Lombardi alla Prima Crociata*, or the *Lombards on the First Crusade*.

Corriere della Sera pointed out that *Nabucco* was written "in a spirit of striving for national unity", adding: "What a blunder!" Seeking to retrieve the situation, Signor Bossi said the slaves in *Nabucco* lamented "their lost and beautiful land".

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Pol Pot sidelined as Khmer rebels turn capitalist

POL POT, the infamous Khmer Rouge leader, is alive but could soon find himself cornered and short of funds to pursue his struggle against both the Cambodian Government and a breakaway group led by Ieng Sary, a former right-hand man who allegedly plundered Khmer Rouge coffers.

In an ironic twist, the fanatical group, which abolished cash and blew up the central bank when it fought its way to power in Phnom Penh in 1975, is now breaking up in a fight over money and property. "Pol Pot is alive, but I think he is finished," a senior Thai military officer said at Checkpoint 6, just 150 yards from the Cambodian border opposite the heavily fortified rebel stronghold of Phnom Malai.

Well-informed Thai sources and rebel Khmer Rouge put Pol Pot's likely present position at Anlong Veng, the Khmer Rouge headquarters in northern Cambodia. It is the base of the one-legged General Ta Mok, one of the group's most capable but ruthless military commanders and political hardliners.

Anlong Veng is in a less rich region, with fewer hardwood trees and fewer gems. Analysts speculate that, China having cut funds when the Khmer Rouge withdrew from the UN-sponsored peace process in 1993, the hardliners could soon be desperate for cash to buy weapons and ammunition.

The rebels, headed by Ieng Sary, 67, with military commanders Sok Pheap and Ei Kim Chien, are in charge of an area that includes Pailin, the centre of mining for precious rubies and sapphires, and hardwoods.

The Thai officer said that, if Pol Pot had died in early June, as had been rumoured, the Thai forces that watch the border — and monitor Khmer Rouge communications — would have heard. "At least there would have been a ceremonial funeral, but there



A battle over money and property is breaking up the Khmer Rouge, James Pringle reports from Checkpoint 6, on the Thai-Cambodia border

has been no sign of that," he said. Khmer Rouge rebel factions here insist they have not defected to the Phnom Penh side, though negotiations continue.

Analysts say Thailand will welcome the split because, if the rebel faction is recognised by Phnom Penh, and thus obtains legitimacy, Thai businessmen will once more be able to trade openly in Cambodia's depleted natural resources.

That trade was broken off officially after the Khmer Rouge withdrew from the UN peace process in 1993, but has



recently been quietly resumed by some companies. The rebel Khmer Rouge certainly seem flush with wealth, despite the odd bullock cart. They earn an estimated \$10 million (£6.5 million) a month from the sale of rubies, sapphires and hardwoods. On the Cambodian side of the border here, they drive Land Rovers bought in the eastern Thai seaboard town of Chantaburi.

Fighters sport trendy Ray-Ban sunglasses. Some of the leading cadres use mobile phones and watch worldwide news on satellite television. Thai sources say some have travelled on black market

Thai and Lao passports, have dabbled in Canadian property, and are educating their children in Thailand or overseas. Ieng Sary's children were earlier said to be at school in Britain.

Sam Rainsy, the Phnom Penh opposition leader, has suggested that the Khmer Rouge will be more dangerous to the Cambodian rulers if they do join the political process leading up to elections in 1998. A Khmer Rouge alliance with either of the two coalition parties would boost the chosen party's political campaign.

"The Khmer Rouge is damaged but not finished," said one analyst in Bangkok. "The new generation of younger cadres are able, and not widely known in Cambodia."

In Phnom Penh yesterday Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister, said he would propose a 1994 law banning the Khmer Rouge be lifted, saying it would be possible to tackle national reconciliation directly. Prince Ranariddh said he and Hun Sen, the Second Prime Minister, had agreed that only King Norodom Sihanouk had the power to grant an amnesty to Ieng Sary, sentenced to death in 1979 by the then Vietnamese-backed Government for crimes against humanity.

Prince Sihanouk said he would consider such a move if asked by the assembly, but he still preferred the setting up of an international tribunal to try Pol Pot's ruling clique.

A British mining adviser, Christopher Howes from Bristol, who was captured by the Khmer Rouge last March, was thought to be held at Anlong Veng, but nothing concrete has been heard of him.



Sculptor Cheng Yunxian displays a bronze in Peking of China's senior leader, Deng, who was 92 yesterday

Deng driven into shadows

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S senior leader Deng Xiaoping, 92 yesterday and the man whose economic reforms brought him national gratitude and made his country an international force, has been pushed into the political shadow by his chosen successor.

Muribund, incapable of intelligible speech — his daughters alone claims to understand him — and constantly rumoured to be on the verge of death, Mr Deng has not been seen in public for more than three years, although his children and official spokesmen regularly assert that his health is "excellent" for a man of his age. If his famous wish to attend the 1997 handover of Hong Kong to China is realised it will be a miracle beyond medical explanation.

With the patriarch's decline, the Deng family now hovers somewhere between isolation and disgrace. President Jiang Zemin, whose 70th birthday fell earlier this week, was designated "core leader" by Mr Deng in 1989 soon after the

Tiananmen killings, and is determined that the leadership struggle will not be affected by his mentor.

In the past two years, Mr Jiang has mounted an anti-corruption campaign which has resulted in the downfall, imprisonment, and in one case the suicide of members of the Deng clique. The most spec-

of party rules that forbid profit-making by leaders' families, no longer appears here. Nor does Rong, an entrepreneurial daughter.

Ding Peng, a niece involved in a scandal, is no longer prominent in Cantonese business. He Ping, Mr Deng's son-in-law, has been named by the FBI in a recent weapons

smuggling case in San Francisco and is reportedly in disgrace.

So open is the attack on the Dengs that Pufang, the son confined to a wheelchair since his persecution during the Cultural Revolution, recently broke the embargo on Deng relatives speaking in public to hail his father's economic reforms and accused the Gov-

ernment of "wholly negating the Deng Xiaoping political line". There is some truth in this. To deflect the attacks of disgruntled diehards who charge that the Deng reforms produced a society infused with corruption and crime, Mr Jiang now regularly offers warnings such as: "We must strictly ban the cultural trash poisoning the people and social atmosphere and not sacrifice culture and ideology merely for a short period of economic development."

This is a direct attack on Mr Deng's notion that while opening windows — in this case to the West — inevitably attracts noxious insects, the overall benefits are great.

In addition to Mr Jiang's own ambitions and his ingratitude to the man who made him, another black cloud in Mr Deng's old age is his widespread condemnation as the man who commanded the Tiananmen killings and subsequent national purge.

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WORLD SUMMARY

India faces snub over test ban

Geneva: Australia and other countries were set yesterday to take the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty for signature by heads of state in New York next month, regardless of the outcome of procedural wrangling in the Conference on Disarmament (Peter Capella writes).

Richard Starr, the Australian Ambassador, said it was essential to avoid paralysis and to present the treaty for wider international recognition. India is refusing to sign the treaty unless it is changed to include a commitment to full disarmament by the five declared nuclear powers.

Megawati holds settlement talks

Jakarta: Lawyers representing Megawati Sukarnoputri, the figurehead of Indonesia's pro-democracy movement, have agreed to discuss an out-of-court settlement with the Government in her dispute over her removal as leader of the Indonesian Democratic Party. If there is no deal in a week, the case will proceed, the trial judge said.

Mother Teresa on respirator

Delhi: In the latest of many bouts of illness, Mother Teresa, who will be 86 next Tuesday, is on an artificial respirator in Calcutta after being admitted to the intensive care unit of the Woodlands Nursing Home (Christopher Thomas writes). Doctors said her condition was not improving but that she had stabilised.

Sea mail

Johannesburg: Carlo Hoffmann, 11, is writing, by ordinary post, to Danielle Murray, an American girl of the same age whose message in a bottle he found on Robben Island, President Mandela's former prison. (Reuters)

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How I lost my fear of dying

The capital and its famous men are the inspiration for Peter Ackroyd's opus that 'will only be finished at my death'. Interview by Mary Riddell

PETER ACKROYD was very good about the garden stool. Charming, really. Particularly since he had been so profuse in his warnings of its imminent demise.

"Be careful; you are quite a heavy boy!" he cried as the photographer stepped on to the doomed item. There was a crash, followed by a wail. "Oh dear, oh dear," said Ackroyd, flapping his arms like a large and disconsolate bird. "It was so frightfully expensive."

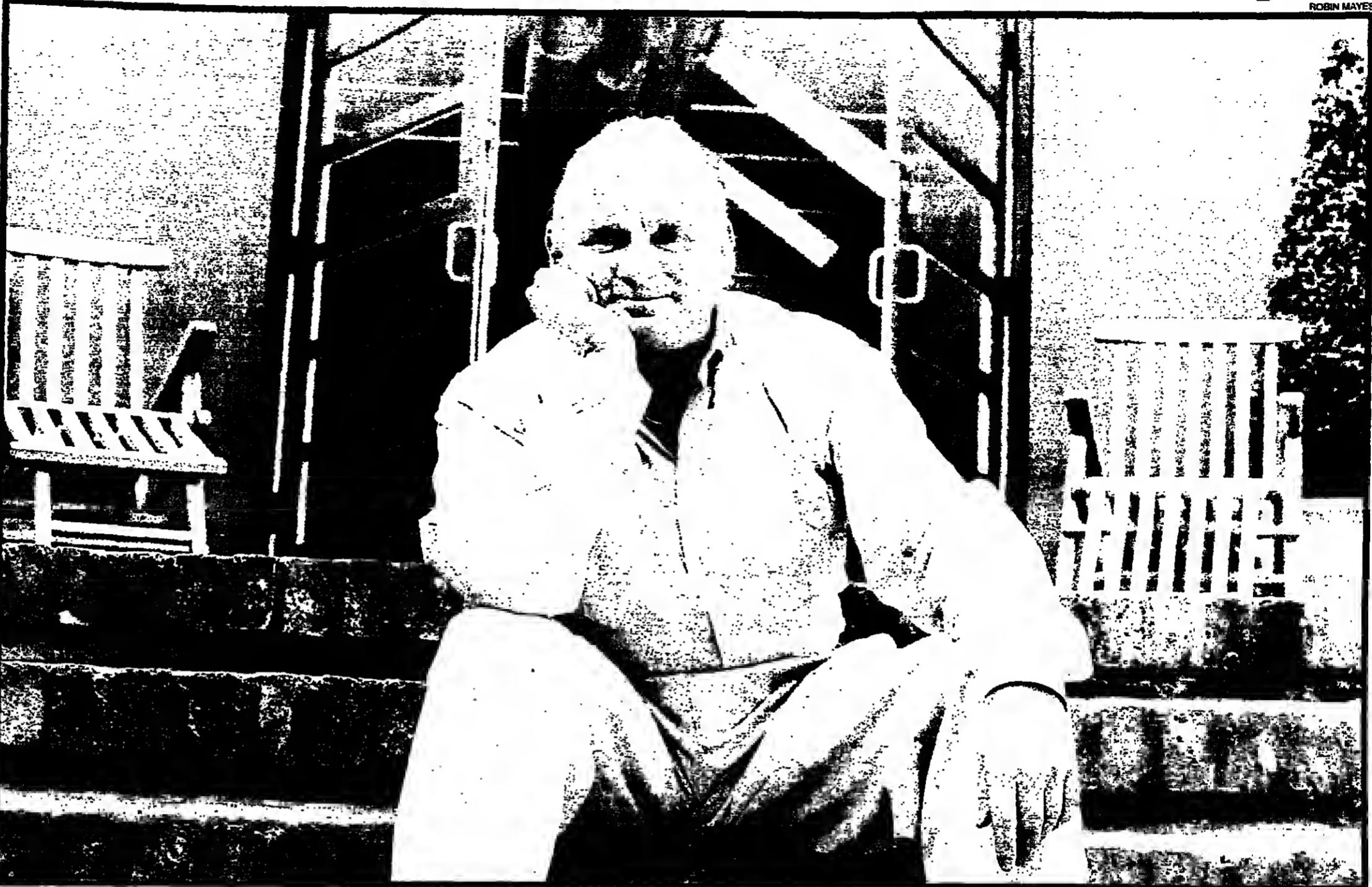
There are, in the literary world, those harsh enough to think patio furniture would be a financial bagatelle to a man who could, if he so wished, fill his Islington town garden with Giacomoni statuary. What other author could command an advance of £1.25 million for his next eight books?

In Ackroyd's view, the hard labour he invests in his work renders it a modest contract. "It's not that much, if you divide it by ten years. I'm not exactly impoverished, and I wouldn't claim hardship, but a lot of authors would have turned down a deal like that because they wouldn't want their futures mortgaged."

"I am so intent on pursuing a vision that I don't want to be bothered. I know exactly what the books will be, and I just want the freedom to write them."

His latest novel, *Milton in America*, which explores what might have happened if Cromwell's secretary had fled the country to join the Puritans of New England, is published next month. The paperback edition of his acclaimed biography of William Blake will be released at the same time. Different as they are, both form part of a grand opus. "They're instalments of a narrative that will only be finished at my death."

If the scope of his work suggests Trollope, his canvas does not. Ackroyd is a grave-digger, sifting through the buried secrets of London and the lives of those visionaries — from Blake to Sir Thomas More (his current subject) — who left their stamp on the city. He is a believer in historical resonance, the circularity of time and other difficult notions which did not meet with universal respect in his earlier days. Of late, however, the



Peter Ackroyd says that as a child he wanted to be a tap dancer. "That was my favourite thing. Later I wanted to be a magician and an antiquarian — but being a novelist, you can do all of those things"

"dreadful, absolutely bonkers" school of book reviewer has stayed mute, while the ghostly, mystical world evoked by Ackroyd has increasingly achieved the cult status befitting a literary Doctor Who.

The first odd thing about him is his workplace — a vast, purpose-built room at the bottom of his garden. It does not look like the haunt of a modern philosopher; resembling, rather, a widget-making module on a light industrial estate.

His research files, square yards of them, are scrupulously ordered on a table the size of a squash court. This is the production line, where Ackroyd assembles his books with a speed and factory-style efficiency more appropriate to the manufacture of sliced bread than of great literature. Even

he acknowledges the mechanical nature of the task.

"It's minute — like a being a jeweller or something. A hell of a lot of work. I do sometimes wonder if it's 'worth it,' he grumbles. But of course he is both a brilliant and a contented man; plump, expensively dressed, with smoothed yellow hair and the benign manner of someone orderly in both mind and lifestyle.

And still, just as the sanitised climate of Ackroyd's workshop belies the dark nature of the London he describes, so the urbanity hides a bleak side. Another Peter Ackroyd has been spoken of: a louche, hard-drinking figure; sprawled on sofas at literary parties, loudly propositioning men, generally heterosexual, who had caught his wandering eye.

Is he really so badly behaved? Not now, he says, but he was. "There was a point when Brian was ill when I started taking tranquillisers, and I drank with them. That was a very bad mistake to make and the cause of that sort of behaviour, those episodes."

Two years ago Brian Kuhn, his literary assistant and partner of 22 years, died of Aids. More than a lover or a workmate, he was also the man who helped to save Ackroyd's career when he nursed him through a nervous breakdown.

"I just woke up one morning with a great feeling of malaise. I was doing two books at once, and the overwork got to me. What happened? Well, nothing. I just didn't work for six months."

He is cautious only because he does not care to talk, or to write, of feelings. Though his work is spun on nostalgia, he is — he will acknowledge — an unsentimental man, dismissive of psychological and sexual themes ("If you want that stuff, you can turn on the television").

"I don't cry in public. I'm rather bunoned-up. In my case, what people call emotion goes on the page." How hard, then, to deal with the slow death of someone he loved. But he says it was not.

"It was difficult, but copable with. Brian didn't want anyone to know he was ill, so I didn't tell people. A nurse

came in once a week for the medication, but it was just me and him. It wasn't very nice, but it wasn't any heroic or romantic thing either — just doing what had to be done."

"He was ill for four years before he died, and it was so obviously going to happen that when it did, it was a relief." Ackroyd worked on, translating some of the grim scenes of illness into his novel *The House of Doctor Dee*, but the harsher images have softened now.

"It made me not afraid of death. Brian was singing in his bath two days before he died, and I lost my fear of mortality as a result of seeing him. But yes, mine is a less unpleasant life than it used to be — a much more relaxed and happier and more interesting life, because when Brian was alive all my energy was directed at him and his illnesses. So now every day is a miracle in a way."

As for the drinking and the bad behaviour, a new contentment has rendered both an unnecessary distraction. "I've met someone else, and I'm happy. He works for me, as Brian did, but they are quite different in temperament and character. The marvellous thing about having a settled relationship is that you're freed of all those burdens of having to go out and meet people."

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When Ackroyd, now *The Times*' chief book reviewer, went to Cambridge, he had never read a novel. Still,

contemporary fiction holds less allure than the source material for his More book: "Erasmus, Saint Augustine, Luther; I have much more fun with that."

His worksheet is filled in until 2003 with biographies and novels; all pieces of his grand jigsaw. "When I realised I was inextricably linked with something — with London — subjects emerged as if

by magic. You can be ambitious and determined and energetic. But my good fortune was to find the medium."

"I realised gradually that I could write. I still don't think I'm all that good, but when I began I really didn't think I could write fiction. I thought I was hopeless. The whole vision built up as I became more interested in the city. Now I'm confident about the quality of

the writing — but I don't think I'm a good modern novelist; more of a freak, except that this sort of fiction has become more popular."

Although he is far too modest, his vision is never less than grandiose. "In the city, I explore myself and the landscape of the imagination." But do not think him a pompous man, for he is not.

Even as we ponder the

geography of the mind, from Limehouse to Clerkenwell, his mental London A to Z guide flips to a less spiritual location, Maida Vale, W9, to be precise. There, as he reminds me, one may obtain replacement garden stools.

■ *Milton in America*: Sinclair Stevenson, £15.99. *Blake, Milton*, £7.99. Both published September 2.

Valerie Grove is on holiday.

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Jeffrey Gordon says even in rape cases the accused should be allowed to defend himself in person

Why we need the right of self-defence

The case of Ralston Edwards, who was yesterday found guilty of rape at the Old Bailey, has led to calls for the right to conduct one's own defence to be curtailed...

than capable of presiding properly over a criminal trial, I well remember her as a most promising junior more than 30 years ago when she started at the Bar...

aid is very much for the benefit of the court system itself. With defendants represented by solicitors and barristers, order prevails both in the courtroom itself and behind the scenes...

person has to be represented, and certainly the legal profession makes no claim that it should be compulsory. The law must surely allow a person who has lost faith and confidence in the legal profession to represent himself.

It is right that no person charged with an offence of a sexual nature should cross-examine in person any witness who is a child. Not many years ago, two eminent solicitors said they would not represent anyone accused of rape...

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The courts can run wild if a defendant is not represented, and it sometimes happens. On the other hand, an accused person must always be in a position to put his case...

The author has practised as a solicitor since 1956 and is a past president of the London Criminal Court Solicitors Association.

Fools and their money

There is no end to the people willing to empty their purses into dubious speculations such as BCCI or Titan

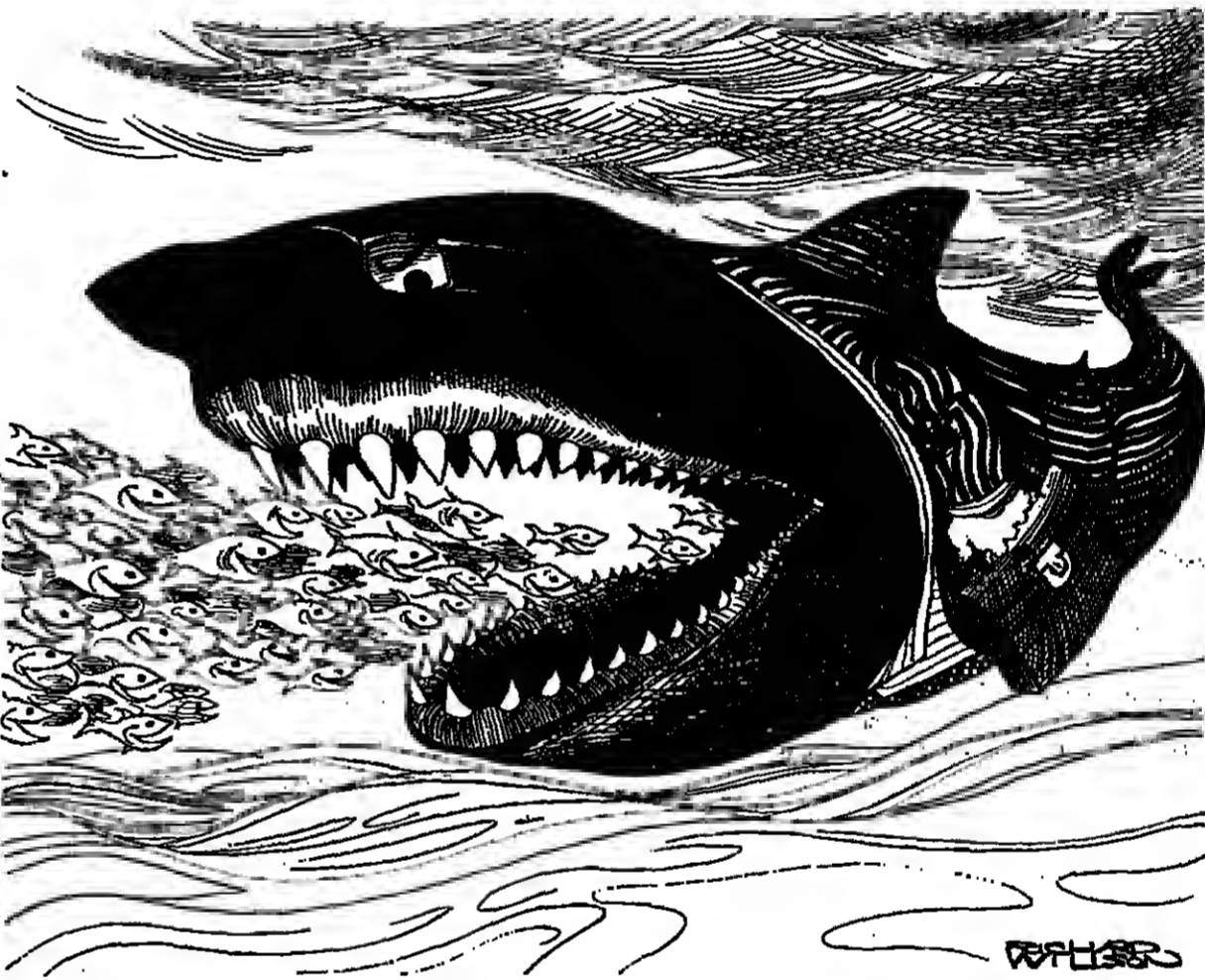
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Bernard Levin

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Big Bagel

FRESH from the British beaches where he has been trying to drum up single-wearing Labour supporters...



Pick a card — any identity card

Hi-Jacked

ON HER return from a cruise around the Greek islands with her family and the Prince of Wales, my sparring partner Tara Palmer-Tomkinson appears to have wasted little time in picking a lunch date to boast about...



Tara: lunch with hellraiser

High hopes

THE Princess of Wales should put those plans to be a global ambassador on hold. Yasuyoshi Tokuma has other ideas. Tokuma, chief executive officer of Japan's Tokuma group, is confident that he can persuade the Princess to take the part of Queen Victoria in his forthcoming Chinese-Japanese film, Opium War...



Rolling on: Keith Richards's old Bentley has been put up for sale

Rock car

NEXT month sees the auction at Christie's of a navy blue Bentley S3, former love wagon of the Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards. He bought "Blue Lena" in 1966 and used it to ferry his harem to his mock-Tudor mansion in Sussex...

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OBITUARIES

SIR BRIAN WARREN

Sir Brian Warren, general practitioner, died on August 18 aged 81. He was born in Toddington, Bedfordshire, on December 19, 1914.

Brian Warren was one of London's most prominent and fashionable general practitioners of the post-war period. He was also a familiar figure for 40 years in the upper echelons of the Conservative Party...

Harold Brian Seymour Warren was the elder son of a Bedfordshire gentleman-farmer. He himself was a comparatively late convert to medicine...

In 1942, when a dashing young lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he married the brilliant young gynaecologist Josephine Barnes (herself a Dame Josephine, to become pre-eminent in her own branch of their shared profession).

which won him a mention in dispatches, was largely spent as medical officer to the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Here he made many lifelong friends...

At the end of the war he was among the first British troops in Berlin, later witnessing the victorious arrival of Churchill and Stalin at Potsdam...

In 1946 he resigned his commission, bought and restored an all-but-derelict house in Chester Square, Belgrave, and set up the consulting rooms from which he willfully built up a remarkably successful practice...

included such families living near by as that of Enoch Powell. With the advent in 1948 of the National Health Service, Warren made a conscious decision to remain in private practice...

From 1958 to 1959 he also represented West Woolwich on the London County Council. In 1959 he made his own vain attempt to win a seat in Parliament...

In 1964 Warren was divorced by Josephine Barnes and married a fellow Westminster councillor, Anne Marsh. The father of a son and two daughters from his first marriage...

These were also particularly happy professional years, as the 1971 general election saw his longtime patient and close friend, Ted Heath, installed in Downing Street...

At the 1971 Bermuda summit, he was inevitably left to compare notes with Nixon's travelling physician, Dr Walter Tkach...

Apart from his constant (and vain) struggle to persuade Heath to lose weight, Warren was called into urgent service on only two, somewhat dramatic, occasions. In 1970, as Heath was making his entrance...

neck; and in 1972, as he arrived to sign the Treaty of Accession to the European Community in Brussels...

Warren remained in practice until his late sixties, gradually allowing his deep love of reading, music, gardening and travel to take priority...

He is survived by his first wife, Dame Josephine Barnes, and the five children of his two marriages.



CAMILLA HORN

Camilla Horn, actress, died on August 14 aged 93. She was born on April 25, 1903.

A STRIKING beauty, with expressive features and a beguiling air of solemn vulnerability, the German actress Camilla Horn was a memorable Gretchen in F.W. Murnau's silent classic Faust (1926-28)...

Camilla Horn was born in Frankfurt in 1903 (three years earlier than she liked to admit). Her early career was itself the stuff of film scripts. The daughter of a railway worker...

It was while working as an extra on Murnau's film of Taruffe that she came to the director's attention. So strong was the impression she made that he gave her the role in Faust originally intended for Lilian Gish...

On the expiry of her four-year contract with UFA, Horn went in 1928 to Hollywood, where she starred opposite John Barrymore in two films directed by Ernst Lubitsch...



The German films Horn made in the next decade turned her into one of Germany's most popular actresses. She also worked in France, Italy and England...

far as the border. The roles dried up and she abandoned cinema for a farm near Neurepin in Brandenburg, in eastern Germany.

1980s. When she began to play character parts in the cinema on television to great acclaim, she gave her final screen performance in 1989, at the age of 86.

WING COMMANDER LESLIE AKEHURST

Wing Commander Leslie Akehurst, OBE, former RAF air traffic controller, died in a glider collision on August 21 aged 74. He was born in Eastbourne on November 15, 1921.

WHEN, on June 24, 1948, the Soviet Union closed all rail and road routes into Berlin, thus sealing the city off, it seemed inconceivable to great acclaim that the Allies would not have to relinquish their foothold in the German capital.

By May 1949 the Russians had been forced to concede victory. The pessimists had been confounded, and the first great crisis of the Cold War was resolved in favour of the Western Allies.

Leslie Akehurst had a varied RAF career, in bombers and in Coastal Command, before becoming an air traffic controller. From school at Eastbourne he went straight into the RAF as soon as war was declared in September 1939.

ways to further their careers. For Akehurst the choice was a happy one, and gave him a chance to be at the centre of the first great crisis of confidence between erstwhile wartime allies...

The move was intended by the Russians — who correctly diagnosed in the proposed currency reforms an Allied intention to create a capitalist West German state — to force the Allies to give up Berlin to them, or abandon their German policy.

After basic training he opted for aircrew, specialising as a wireless operator/airgunner in Bomber Command. As such he took part in some of the perilous early air raids of the war in lumbering Whitneys, slow and poorly armed...

At the end of the war he was in Coastal Command on patrol operations out over the Western Approaches. He was stationed at RAF St Eval in Cornwall when his commanding officer suggested to him that he take a commission and specialise in air traffic control.

easily have been overrun. US military opinion advised a negotiated withdrawal. But President Truman and the British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin were made of sterner stuff...

Very few logicians agreed with them. To that point air traffic into the city had barely been enough to feed the Allied garrisons, let alone the 24 million German civilians blockaded in the city.

Retiring to Gloucestershire in 1976, he devoted himself to a wide variety of hobbies, ranging from potting and wood-turning to golf. But his great recreational passion was gliding, and he gained his bronze award at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife Erna, and by their three daughters.



Berliners welcome a supply aircraft into Tempelhof during the 1948 blockade

PERSONAL COLUMN

PERSONAL COLUMN advertisement containing various services: FLIGHTS DIRECTORY, TICKETS FOR SALE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANIMALS IN NEED, Good Health in Old Age, EARLY REJECTIONS OF FAMOUS STORY, ON THIS DAY August 23, 1935, and a section titled PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THOSE FOR WHOM THE TRIUMPHS OF RESEARCH WILL COME TOO LATE AND WHO NEED OUR HELP NOW.

NEWS

Court ordeal for raped woman

The Government is to examine a trial in which a convicted rapist was allowed to cross-examine his victim in court for six days about the intimate details of her ordeal.

Ralston Edwards, 42, exercised his legal right to represent himself when he appeared at the Old Bailey accused of raping a 34-year-old mother of two in an attack lasting 16 hours. After the jury found him guilty on two counts of rape, his victim said: "I feel like I have been raped twice"..... Pages 1, 3

Thousands to be freed after bungle

Five hundred prisoners are facing imminent release from jail because of a legal blunder over the way in which "consecutive" sentences have been calculated. Up to 5,000 prisoners are also likely to have their release dates brought forward following a review..... Page 1

Yeltsin goes private

Boris Yeltsin's favourite grandson is being sent to one of England's most expensive independent schools. Young Boris, 15, will board at the £15,000-a-year Millfield School, Somerset..... Page 1

Ancient graves

Archaeologists have discovered graves of the ancient British ruling class, forced into submission by the Roman invasion. The site, near Colchester, contains the bones of aides of Cunobelin - Shakespeare's Cymbeline..... Page 9

Threat to tortoises

A disease has killed giant tortoises in the Galapagos sparking fears that an epidemic could devastate some of the world's most fascinating creatures..... Page 10

ANC apology

Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's First Deputy President, gave the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an apology for atrocities committed during the struggle against apartheid..... Page 11

Burning Clinton issue

President Clinton is to approve the toughest crackdown on the tobacco industry since the Surgeon General linked smoking and lung cancer in 1964..... Page 14

Belgium mourns

Belgium mourned and buried two eight-year-old girls starved to death by a paedophile gang whose activities have prompted an international search for other nursing children..... Page 15

Grozny truce

Russia's national security adviser, General Aleksandr Lebed, signed a truce in the Chechen capital..... Page 16

Taste of defeat for the Polo slogan

The makers of Polo mints failed to protect their £4million market after trying to stop a rival from using a similar advertising slogan. Nestlé UK, makers of Polo, "the Mint with a Hole", wanted a ruling that the British launch of an older American version, called Lifesavers, could not use the words "the Original Mint with the Hole"..... Page 5



Zara Phillips with her father, Captain Mark Phillips, at the Pony Club championships at Weston Park, Shropshire, yesterday

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CYCLE WARS: Why getting on your bike does not necessarily mean a smoother ride

BESTSELLERS: The Times introduces Britain's most comprehensive and fascinating list of bestselling books

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TIMES WEATHERCALL

Table of weather forecasts for various regions including Greater London, South West, and Central England.

AA ROADWATCH

Table of road conditions and traffic updates for various routes.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for London and other locations.

FORECAST

General: England and Wales will have sunshine and showers, with some showers heavy and thundery. Eastern counties will have longer outbreaks of heavy rain, windy in the South. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright intervals, mainly in the west, but also showers. Over eastern and northern Scotland there will be some longer spells of rain.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Table of weather conditions and temperatures across various parts of Britain.

ABROAD

Table of weather forecasts for various international locations.

NOON TODAY

Weather map showing temperature and cloud cover across the UK.

HIGH TIDES

Table of high tide times for various coastal locations.

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Table of highest and lowest temperatures for various locations.

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Total number of lives saved so far this year: 431. Total number of lifeboat launches so far this year: 2,343.

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